The waqf signs: knowing where to stop

Small signs written above the words tell you whether you may stop, should continue, or must stop. Knowing them keeps you from cutting the meaning.

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1 Understand

م ≡(): stop required (waqf lazim). لا ≡(): do not stop. ج ≡(): stopping allowed, continuing too.

2 Spot it

صلى ≡(): you may stop but continuing is preferable. قلى ≡(): you may continue but stopping is preferable.

3 Read it

Three dots ∴ (ٮ, mu'anaqah): two places are marked; stop at one of them, not both. The sign ؕ is the sakt (see its page).

- sign م: stop required
- sign صلى: continuing is preferable
- sign قلى: stopping is preferable
- sign ج: stopping allowed
- sign لا: do not stop

three dots: stop at one of the two places

Only the small signs are coloured.

فَتَوَلَّ عَنْهُمْ ۘ يَوْمَ يَدْعُ ٱلدَّاعِ إِلَىٰ شَىْءٍ نُّكُرٍ

Surah 54, verse 6

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كَلَّآ ۖ إِنَّهَا لَظَىٰ

Surah 70, verse 15

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وَبِٱلَّيْلِ ۗ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

Surah 37, verse 138

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قَ ۚ وَٱلْقُرْءَانِ ٱلْمَجِيدِ

Surah 50, verse 1

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إِلَّا ٱمْرَأَتَهُۥ ۖ قَدَّرْنَآ ۙ إِنَّهَا لَمِنَ ٱلْغَٰبِرِينَ

Surah 15, verse 60

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ذَٰلِكَ ٱلْكِتَٰبُ لَا رَيْبَ ۛ فِيهِ ۛ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

Surah 2, verse 2

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Previous rule · Hamzat al-wasl: the alif that disappears when you link **All rules**

Next rule

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