Exercises : Hamzat al-wasl: the alif that disappears when you join words

Tajweed

Printable worksheet of progressive exercises on "Hamzat al-wasl: the alif that disappears when you join words" (Tajweed), with a separate answer key on coran-alim.com.

Content under review.

The exercises go from easiest to hardest. Answers on coran-alim.com.

Exercise 1

Define the rule in one sentence.

1. hamzat al-wasl

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Exercise 2

Is the hamzat al-wasl pronounced in this situation? Answer yes or no.

1. You start reading with the word containing ٱ

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2. You read the word without stopping after the previous word

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3. You stop on the previous word then restart with the word containing ٱ

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4. The word with ٱ is in the middle of a sentence read in one breath

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Exercise 3

Is the hamzat al-wasl pronounced in this situation? Answer yes or no.

1. First letter of a verse that starts with ٱ

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2. ٱ right after a word, with no pause

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Exercise 4

In each passage, copy every group showing the hamzat al-wasl (ٱ) marked in the lesson.

1. ٱقْرَأْ بِٱسْمِ رَبِّكَ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَ

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2. ٱهْدِنَا ٱلصِّرَٰطَ ٱلْمُسْتَقِيمَ

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3. ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ

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Exercise 5

In each passage, copy every group showing the hamzat al-wasl (ٱ) marked in the lesson.

1. إِلَّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ وَعَمِلُوا۟ ٱلصَّٰلِحَٰتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلصَّبْرِ

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2. وَٱلضُّحَىٰ

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Exercise 6

In each passage, only one rule is marked on the site: “hamzat al-wasl” or “lam qamariyyah”. Which one?

1. ٱقْرَأْ بِٱسْمِ رَبِّكَ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَ

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2. وَٱلْفَجْرِ

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3. وَٱلْعَصْرِ

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4. ٱهْدِنَا ٱلصِّرَٰطَ ٱلْمُسْتَقِيمَ

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Exercise 7

In each passage, only one rule is marked on the site: “hamzat al-wasl” or “lam qamariyyah”. Which one?

1. ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ

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2. ٱلْحَآقَّةُ

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3. إِلَّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ وَعَمِلُوا۟ ٱلصَّٰلِحَٰتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلصَّبْرِ

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4. ٱلْقَارِعَةُ

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Exercise 8

Answer the questions.

1. How is the hamzat al-wasl written?

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2. When is it pronounced?

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3. What happens to it when you join it to the previous word?

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Exercise 9

Explain how it is pronounced.

1. How do you pronounce the hamzat al-wasl at the start of reading?

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2. How do you read a word with ٱ when the previous word ends with a vowelled letter?

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Exercise 10

Answer the pronunciation question.

1. Why is the hamzat al-wasl called a “linking alif”?

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Exercise 11

Compare this rule with a neighbouring rule.

1. What is the difference between the hamzat al-wasl and an ordinary hamza (ء)?

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2. What is the link with the lam of the article “ٱل”?

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3. Can a word start with a sukun?

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Exercise 12

True or false? If it is false, correct it.

1. The hamzat al-wasl is written ٱ.

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2. It is always pronounced.

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3. It disappears when you join words.

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4. It is found, for example, at the start of the article “ٱل”.

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Exercise 13

True or false? If it is false, correct it.

1. It is identical to the hamza of qat'.

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2. When you stop before the word, you pronounce it as you start.
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3. It is always pronounced in the middle of a sentence.
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4. “Wasl” means “joining”.
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Exercise 14

Complete each sentence.

1. The hamzat al-wasl is written ___.
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2. It is pronounced only at the ___ of reading.
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3. When you join words, the hamzat al-wasl ___.
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4. The word “wasl” means ___.
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Exercise 15

Put the steps in order: write the number of each step (1 = first).

1. If yes, pronounce the hamza with its vowel.
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2. Spot a word starting with ٱ.
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3. If no, join the words without pronouncing it.
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4. Ask yourself: am I starting my reading here?
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Exercise 16

Answer the vocabulary question.

1. What does the word “hamza” mean in the name of this rule?
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Exercise 17

Writing task: explain the rule to a classmate in a few sentences.

1. Explain in three sentences what the hamzat al-wasl is and when it is pronounced.
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Exercise 18

Say where the sign is found on the word.

1. Is the sign ٱ at the end or at the start of the word?
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Exercise 19

Count: in each passage, how many hamzat al-wasl are marked in the lesson?

1. ٱقْرَأْ بِٱسْمِ رَبِّكَ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَ

   .....

2. ٱهْدِنَا ٱلصِّرَٰطَ ٱلْمُسْتَقِيمَ

   .....

3. إِلَّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ وَعَمِلُوا۟ ٱلصَّٰلِحَٰتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلصَّبْرِ

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Exercise 20

Place the rule: is the ٱ pronounced when you read the whole verse in one go?

1. A word in ٱ in the middle of the sentence

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2. The very first word in ٱ

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