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Introduction

Reading can be defined as "the act of decoding graphic material in order to determine its message." To put it another way, reading consists of coming back to speech through its graphic symbols. In short, meanings reside in the sounds of the spoken language. Speaking a language is the necessary first step to acquiring the ability to read a language with meaning.

Arabic is written in the Arabic alphabet which dates back to pre-Islamic periods. It is used today in any country where Arabic is spoken. It has also been adopted by neighboring countries whose language is not Arabic, such as Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Although Arabic dialects differ, they are all written using the same alphabet.

A complete listing of the Arabic alphabet has been included for your reference, beginning on page four. It is shown in a 2-page spread, reading right to left. This is to be used only as a guide since all of the necessary information for beginning to read in Arabic will be given in the audio portion of the readings. In the reading lessons for this course, you will practice recognition and pronunciation of Arabic letters and combination of letters, as well as their use in different words and contexts.

The recorded portion of the reading materials for *Eastern Arabic 1*, will be found at the end of

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the program. You can do the Readings as it is most convenient for you. They can be done individually after every other unit or so, or done entirely after completing the full 30 units. Full instructions on how to proceed are recorded along with the Readings.

The Arabic Written System

The Arabic writing system is easy to learn and master because the Arabic alphabet has a high correspondence between sound and symbol. This means that a letter is pronounced almost the same in every word position.

The Arabic alphabet contains 28 letters in addition to the *hamza* (glottal stop) and two variants of existing letters (*alif* and *taa*). A number of diacritical marks complement the alphabet. These are signs written above or below the letters; they are listed on page 5. Each letter has four different representations, depending on its position within a word. There is an independent form, as well as a beginning, a middle, and an end form.

Arabic is written cursively, reading from right to left, with the letters connected to one another. However, some letters connect only to preceding letters, or from the right side. These are known as one-way connectors. The other group is called

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two-way connectors as they connect to other letters from both sides.

The alphabet contains three long vowels: *alif* (aa), *waw* (uu), and *ya* (ii). The latter two function also as consonants, as in "wet" and "yes." There are three short counterparts of these vowels represented by diacritical marks: the *fatHa* (a), the *damma* (u), and the *kasra* (i). They are about half as long. A tiny circle written above a consonant is called *sukuun* and represents the absence of a vowel.

The mark that resembles a tiny w is called "*shadda*." It signifies a doubled consonant. For example, this mark over the letter t in the word for "six" makes the word pronounced /*sit-tah*/ rather than /*sitah*/ if it were not there.

If you are not familiar with the Arabic alphabet, you may at first find that it takes some time to associate the appropriate sounds with each letter and/or group of letters. Therefore, we recommend that you take the Reading Lessons at your own pace, repeating each until you feel comfortable proceeding to the next. With a little effort, you will be astonished at how quickly you are reading Arabic.

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Alphabet Chart (Read from right to left)

Symbol in Transliteration	Final Position	Medial Position	Initial Position
aa	ا	ا	ا
b	ب	ب	ب
t	ت	ت	ت
th	ث	ث	ث
j	ج	ج	ج
H	ح	ح	ح
kh	خ	خ	خ
d	د	د	د
dh	ذ	ذ	ذ
r	ر	ر	ر
z	ز	ز	ز
s	س	س	س
sh	ش	ش	ش
S	ص	ص	ص
D	ض	ض	ض

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Alphabet Chart (Read from right to left)



Name	Name in Transliteration	Letter
ألف	alif	ا
باء	baa	ب
تاء	taa	ت
ثاء	thaa	ث
جيم	jiim	ج
حاء	Haa	ح
خاء	khaa	خ
دال	daal	د
ذال	dhaal	ذ
راء	raa	ر
زاي	zay	ز
سين	siin	س
شين	shiin	ش
صاد	Saad	ص
ضاد	Daad	ض

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Alphabet Chart (Read from right to left)

Symbol in Transliteration	Final Position	Medial Position	Initial Position
T	ط	ط	ط
Dh	ظ	ظ	ظ
`	ع	ع	ع
gh	غ	غ	غ
f	ف	ف	ف
q	ق	ق	ق
k	ك	ك	ك
l	ل	ل	ل
m	م	م	م
n	ن	ن	ن
h	ه	ه	ه
uu/w	و	و	و
ee/y	ي	ي	ي
aa	آ	-	-
t	ة	-	-
,	أؤئ	أؤئ	أؤئ

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Alphabet Chart (Read from right to left)

Name	Name in Transliteration	Letter
طاء	Taa	ط
ظاء	Dhaa	ظ
عَيْن	çayn	ع
غَيْن	ghayn	غ
فاء	faa	ف
قاف	qaaf	ق
كاف	kaaf	ك
لام	laam	ل
ميم	miim	م
نون	nuun	ن
هاء	haa	ه
واو	waaw	و
ياء	yaa	ي
ألف مقصورة	alif maqSuura	ى
تاء مربوطة	taa marbuuTa	ة
همزة	hamza	ء

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Diacritical Marks (read from right to left)

Name in Transliteration	Name	Sound	Letter
sukuun	سُكُون	none	◌ْ
no vowel follows, above the letter			
fatHa	فَتْحَة	a	◌َ
short vowel, above the letter			
Damma	ضَمَّة	u	◌ُ
short vowel, above the letter			
kasra	كَسْرَة	i	◌ِ
short vowel, below the letter			
shadda	شَدَّة	none	◌ّ
indicates a double consonant, above the letter			

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Lesson One

ا 1.

دا 2.

داد 3.

دادا 4.

ذا 5.

داز 6.

زاد 7.

دازا 8.

زادا 9.

زازا 10.

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Lesson Two

1. را
2. دار
3. راد
4. راذ
5. دارا
6. رادا
7. رادار
8. زا
9. زار
10. زاد

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Lesson Three

بار	11.	زادا	1.
بود	12.	زادار	2.
بادو	13.	زود	3.
دابو	14.	رادو	4.
		رود	5.
		وَرْد	6.
		وَد	7.
		دوب	8.
		داب	9.
		باد	10.

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Lesson Four

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|------|-----|------|-----|
| بیر | 11. | دور | 1. |
| یاد | 12. | ذور | 2. |
| بادي | 13. | زور | 3. |
| رودي | 14. | باب | 4. |
| | | زادو | 5. |
| | | دي | 6. |
| | | ديد | 7. |
| | | يد | 8. |
| | | دابي | 9. |
| | | ديب | 10. |

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Lesson Five

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|--------|-----|---------|-----|
| ثَابِت | 11. | ذُوبِي | 1. |
| ثَرِيد | 12. | رَازِي | 2. |
| يَثُوب | 13. | بُورِي | 3. |
| دَارِي | 14. | دَادِي | 4. |
| | | بَابَا | 5. |
| | | بَات | 6. |
| | | تُوب | 7. |
| | | بَتِيد | 8. |
| | | رَبِيْت | 9. |
| | | رُوث | 10. |

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Lesson Six

دَلِيل	11.	تور	1.
بَلِيد	12.	روبي	2.
بِلَاد	13.	تاب	3.
لا	14.	ثابو	4.
		زول	5.
		بيل	6.
		لَبِيب	7.
		لاري	8.
		بِلَال	9.
		لودي	10.

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Lesson Seven

نان	11.	ليزا	1.
نَبِي	12.	لودِي	2.
بِنْتُ	13.	ليِرا	3.
نَبِيل	14.	لوز	4.
بَنَات	15.	ثول	5.
بَيْن	16.	لاذا	6.
نار	17.	تلال	7.
بَرِيد	18.	وَلِيد	8.
نَوَال	19.	بان	9.
ذِيب	20.	تان	10.

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Lesson Eight

إِبْنِي	11.	داوي	1.
إِذَا	12.	باري	2.
رَاء	13.	بَيَان	3.
دَوَاء	14.	بَيْت	4.
بَرَاء	15.	وَلَدَ	5.
تَاء	16.	تَيْن	6.
نَبَات	17.	أَبِي	7.
تِيل	18.	أَدِيب	8.
		أَب	9.
		أَدَب	10.

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Lesson Nine

لَاف	11.	أَنَا	1.
بَرْق	12.	إِنْ	2.
بَرِيق	13.	دَاء	3.
قَرِيب	14.	نَوَال	4.
يَقِين	15.	بُؤْرِي	5.
رَاقِي	16.	نُؤْذِي	6.
دَافِي	17.	فِي	7.
فَرِيد	18.	فَنْ	8.
قَرَار	19.	نَفِير	9.
قَلِيل	20.	رِيف	10.

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Lesson Ten

ضَرِير	11.	لَبَن	1.
نَضِير	12.	نور	2.
يُضِير	13.	لَن	3.
قَدِير	14.	فيل	4.
نُدِير	15.	ثَقِيل	5.
قَرَض	16.	فَرِيق	6.
بَرِيق	17.	الفَرِيق	7.
بَرْد	18.	نيل	8.
بارد	19.	النيل	9.
دافي	20.	أَرْض	10.

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Lesson Eleven

سَفِير	11.	ثَرِي	1.
بوش	12.	لُدود	2.
شَفَق	13.	أَراضي	3.
شَفِيق	14.	راس	4.
بَشْر	15.	سَرِير	5.
رِيش	16.	ساري	6.
روسِي	17.	سوري	7.
نَشْر	18.	نَسَب	8.
شوف	19.	نَسِيب	9.
أَلْف	20.	سَفَر	10.

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Lesson Twelve

نَصِير	11.	بَشِير	1.
قَصِير	12.	رَف	2.
شام	13.	زَفِير	3.
مِين	14.	فَقِير	4.
مِير	15.	ضَرَب	5.
سَمِير	16.	سِيْب	6.
رِيم	17.	باص	7.
مَسَاء	18.	صابون	8.
مِيل	19.	بَصِير	9.
سَلَام	20.	نَاصِر	10.

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Lesson Thirteen

كُتِبَ	11.	رَشِيد	1.
رَفَاه	12.	شَدِيد	2.
بِهَاء	13.	رَئِيس	3.
هَنَاء	14.	أَمِين	4.
هَادِي	15.	سُوق	5.
هَالِل	16.	دِينَار	6.
كِتَاب	17.	نَاس	7.
شَكِيب	18.	مَلَكَ	8.
سَلَام	19.	كَرِيم	9.
رَشِيق	20.	مَكَان	10.

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Lesson Fourteen

داخ	11.	صافي	1.
بليخ	12.	صديق	2.
بُخار	13.	توم	3.
بَخيل	14.	بَصَل	4.
خروف	15.	فُواد	5.
خَشِن	16.	سُؤال	6.
خَشَب	17.	سيرة	7.
سَماء	18.	شويّة عربي	8.
صباح	19.	سَفيرة	9.
صَلاح	20.	فَقيرة	10.

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Lesson Fifteen

جَرِيدَة	11.	صَالِح	1.
رَاح	12.	صَح	2.
حَدِيث	13.	سَحَر	3.
حَدِيثَة	14.	حَرِير	4.
بِقَاع	15.	بَحْر	5.
رَبِيع	16.	كَرِيمَة	6.
بَعِيد	17.	بَصِيرَة	7.
عَسَل	18.	سُرُوج	8.
جَمِيل	19.	نَسِيح	9.
حَجَر	20.	سَجَدَ	10.

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Lesson Sixteen

بَغْدَاد	11.	هَاتِف	1.
غَرِيب	12.	عَلِي	2.
بَلَاغ	13.	مَاهِر	3.
سُورِيَّة	14.	كَشَف	4.
سَلْوَى	15.	خَبِيرَة	5.
مَشْفَى	16.	بَخِيل	6.
دَعْوَى	17.	جَمِيل	7.
غَالِي	18.	عَصِير	8.
خَبْر	19.	فَرَاغ	9.
بَلِيد	20.	بَلِيغ	10.

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Lesson Seventeen

غَطَطَ	11.	بَنَكَ	1.
بَاظَ	12.	شَايَ	2.
غَلِيظَ	13.	دَفَعَ	3.
فَظِيحَ	14.	مَدَافِعَ	4.
ظَرِيفَ	15.	جَامِعَ	5.
ظَالِمَ	16.	بَلَاطَ	6.
غَارَ	17.	رَبَطَ	7.
حَافِظَ	18.	لَطِيفَةَ	8.
صَخْرَ	19.	طَبِيبَ	9.
بَطَّلَ	20.	مَطَرَ	10.

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Lesson Eighteen

إِدْعَش	11.	وَاحِد	1.
تَنْعَش	12.	تَنْيْن	2.
تَلْطَعْش	13.	تَلَاتَة	3.
أَرْبَطَعْش	14.	أَرْبَعَة	4.
خَمِصْطَعْش	15.	خَمْسَة	5.
سِطْطَعْش	16.	سِتَّة	6.
سَبْطَعْش	17.	سَبْعَة	7.
تُمْنْطَعْش	18.	تُمْانَة	8.
تَسْطَعْش	19.	تَسْعَة	9.
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