Meet the Long Alif

Arabic Reading Step by Step · Day 6: Long Vowel Alif المَدّ بِالأَلِف

Name: _____

Date: _____

When a letter with a fatha is followed by an alif, the "a" sound gets long: بَا is read "baa". Children love stretching it out. Point to each letter and say its sound out loud.

جَا jā	ثَا thā	تَا tā	بَا bā
ذَا dhā	دَا dā	خَا khā	حَا ḥā
شَا shā	سَا sā	زَا zā	رَا rā
ظَا ẓā	طَا ṭā	ضَا ḍā	صَا ṣā
قَا qā	فَا fā	غَا ghā	عَا ʿā
نَا nā	مَا mā	لَا lā	كَا kā
	يَا yā	وَا wā	هَا hā

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