

Letters of Arabic Language

Huruf Shamsi- Huruf Qamri

How many letters do we have in Arabic?

What are Solar Letters (huruf shamsi)?

The letters in whose articulation the tip or the blade of the tongue is involved are called Solar Letters.

Rule: When “al” is put before these words the sound of these letters mixes with that of “al”. For example

Al Shamsu becomes Ash Shamsu

Al Rajulu becomes Ar Rajulu

How many Solar Letters do we have in Arabic?

What are Lunar Letters (huruf qamri)?

The letters in whose articulation the tip or the blade of the tongue has no part are called Lunar Letters.

Rule:

When “al” is put before these words the sound of these letters does not mix with that of “al”. For example


Al Baytu remains al baytu

Al Qalamu remains al qalamu

How many Lunar Letters do we have in Arabic?

In the given table colour all Solar Letters orange and all Lunar Letters blue.

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 thaa	 taa	 baa	 alif
 daal	 khaa	 haa	 jeem
 seen	 zain	 raa	 dhaal
 Taa'	 daad	 saad	 sheen
 faa	 'ghayn	 'ayin	 Dhaa'
 meem	 laam	 kaaf	 qaaf
 yaa	 waow	 ha	 noon