

| Phonetic Symbol | Arabic letter (or symbol) | Approximate English example | Arabic example |
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| <u>Vowels</u> | | | |
| ā | — | <u>be</u> t | (bā:b) كَبَاب |
| a | — | <u>ca</u> r | (ba:ba) كَبَابَا |
| u | و | <u>bo</u> ot | (du:r) دُوْر |
| i | ي | <u>be</u> at | (bi:t) بِيْت |
| <u>Consonants</u> | | | |
| 3 (2) | ع | | |
| b | ب | <u>be</u> t, <u>ba</u> r | (b̄i:r) بِيْر |
| d | د | <u>da</u> te, <u>du</u> ck | (da:r) دَار |
| ð | ذ | <u>thi</u> s, <u>th</u> an | (ðir) ذِيْر |
| <u>dh</u> | ظ | similar to ð but more emphatic | |
| f | ف | <u>fe</u> tch | (filfil) فِيلْفِيل |
| g | غ | <u>ga</u> me | (gamra) غَامْرَا |
| <u>gh</u> | ع | guttural sound as in French <u>Pa</u> ris | |
| h | ه | <u>ho</u> t, <u>he</u> at | (hā:ā) هَاَا |
| ʃ (1) | ح | | |
| j | ج | <u>vi</u> sion, <u>u</u> sual | (ja:r) جَار |
| k | ك | <u>ca</u> ke, <u>ca</u> me | (karhba) كَرَهْبَا |
| l | ل | <u>le</u> tter, <u>la</u> rge | (lābā:s) لَبَّاس |
| m | م | <u>me</u> t, <u>ma</u> rch | (mā:l) مَال |
| n | ن | <u>na</u> rrow | (ā:nā:) آْنَا |
| p | پ | <u>pe</u> t, <u>pe</u> al | (pisi:n) پِيْسِيْن |

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| q | ق | | | |
| r | ر | <u>red</u> , <u>room</u> | (<u>ra:s</u>) | رَاش |
| s | س | <u>same</u> , <u>sea</u> | (<u>sā:s</u>) | سَاش |
| S | ط | similar to s but more emphatic | | |
| <u>sh</u> | ش | <u>she</u> , <u>shop</u> | (<u>shid</u>) | شَاش |
| t | ت | <u>table</u> | (<u>tā:y</u>) | تَاش |
| T | ط | <u>towel</u> | (<u>Tayya:ra</u>) | طَاشَرَة |
| <u>th</u> | ث | <u>thistle</u> , <u>three</u> | (<u>thusm</u>) | ثَاشِوم |
| v | و | <u>vis</u> , <u>value</u> | (<u>va:z</u>) | وَاشِز |
| w | و | <u>where</u> , <u>what</u> | (<u>wā:ʔid</u>) | وَاشِند |
| x | خ | <u>lach</u> (in scottish) | | |
| y | ي | <u>yellow</u> | (<u>yā:bis</u>) | يَاشِيس |
| z | ز | <u>zoo</u> | (<u>za:r</u>) | زَاشَر |
| i | آ | a mute (ā) | | |