

### 3.4 ARABIC ALPHABET

ARABIC letter (4 forms shown: final, medial, initial, isolated. -- indicates not used)	Latin equivalent (transcription)	NAVLIPI transcription	Arabic word examples. Arabic letter highlighted in green. [Approximate Latin transcription].	NAVLIPI word examples. NAVLIPI letter highlighted in green.	English meaning of word example
ا, --, --, ا (alif)	a, A	aa, AA	أب [aab]	aab	father
ب, ب, ب, ب (baa:)	b, B	b, B	بيت [bait]	baaitt	house
ت, ت, ت, ت (taa:)	t, T; (voiceless alveolar plosive)	tt, Tt;	كتاب [kitab]	kittob	book
ث, ث, ث, ث (thaa:)	None (voiceless interdental fricative)	th <sub>φ</sub> , Th <sub>φ</sub>	حديث [hadith]	h..edith <sub>φ</sub>	talk
ج, ج, ج, ج (jiim)	j, J.	l, l;	جسر [jisr]	ʃisr	bridge
ح, ح, ح, ح (h..a:)	None (voiceless pharyngeal fricative)	h.., H..	بحر [bahr]	baah..r	sea
خ, خ, خ, خ (xaa:)	ch, Ch	x, X	خبز [khobz, khubz]	xobz	bread
د, --, --, د (daal)	d, D (voiced alveolar plosive)	dt, Dt	جديد [jadid]	ʃadtidt	new
ذ, --, --, ذ (dhaal)	None. (voiced interdental fricative)	dh <sub>φ</sub> , Dh <sub>φ</sub>	منذ [mundhu]	mundh <sub>φ</sub> u	since

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ر , --, --, ر (raa:)	r, R; rr, Rr	r, R; rr, Rr	رأس [ras]	rras	head
ز , --, --, ز (zaai)	z, Z	z, Z	زميل [zamil]	zamil	colleague
س , س , س , س (siin)	s, S	s, S	مجلس [majlis]	majlis	assembly
ش , ش , ش , ش (shoiin)	sh, Sh	sh <sub>φ</sub> , Sh <sub>φ</sub>	شمس [shams]	sh <sub>φ</sub> ems	sun
ص , ص , ص , ص (s..aad)	None.	s.., S..	صيف [saif]	s..aaif	summer
ض , ض , ض , ض (d..aad)	None.	d.., D..	فضل [fadl]	faad..l	favor
ط , ط , ط (t..aa:)	None.	t.., T..	طفل [tifl]	t..ifl	child
ظ , ظ , ظ , ظ (z..aa:)	None.	z.., Z..	ظرف [zarf]	z..aarif	envelope
ع , ع , ع (:aain)	None. (voiced pharyngeal fricative)	ع.., ع..	طعام [ta'am]	taaع..aam	food

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غ , غ , غ , غ (ḡaain, gh..aain)	None. (voiced velar fricative)	ḡ, Ḥ	ببغاء [babaga]	babaḡa	parrot
ف , ف , ف , ف (faa:)	f, F	f, F	فرد [fard]	fard	individual
ق , ق , ق , ق (k..aaf, qaaf)	q, Q (uvular plosive)	k.., K..	قلم [qalam]	k..alam	pen
ك , ك , ك , ك (kaaf)	k, K	k, K	كلب [kalb]	kelb	dog
ل , ل , ل , ل (laam)	l, L	l, L	ليل [layl]	lɛil	night
م , م , م (miim)	m, M	m, M	كريم [karim]	kariim	generous
ن , ن , ن , ن (nuun)	n, N	n, N	نهر [nahr]	naahr	river
و , و , (waaw)	w, W	w, W	ورقة [waraqqa]	warak..aa	paper
ه , ه , (haa:)	h, H	h, H	هلال [hilal]	hilɔl	crescent

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ه	' (glottal stop)	:	سأل [sa'ala]	sa'ala	asked
ي , ي , ي , ي ي (jaa:)	i, l; y, Y	i, l; ii; li; j, J	كرسي [kursi]	kursii	chair