

# Basic Tajweed Rules

Reciting Qu'ran with Beauty and  
Perfection

Part 1

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# Introduction

This lecture will introduce the student to some basic tajweed rules.

## What is Tajweed?

*The word Tajweed means to recite each letter of the Qur'an with perfection.*

# **The Rules:**

In this lecture we will be learning the rules of;

**Meem Sakin & Tanween (pt. 1)**

&

**Noon Sakin (pt. 2)**

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# The Rules of Meem Sakin

## What is a Meem Sakin?

This is a meem that may or may not contain the sakin mark. It may appear like this in Qur'an;

م (without sakin)

م (with sakin)

There are 3 basic rules of Meem Sakin that we will discuss in this lecture.

# Rule 1: Ikfaa Shafawi

## Important Notes:

- The word “Ikfaa” means “to hide”. In Ikfaa Shafawi we will be “hiding” the meem (not pronouncing it) and instead making the ghunnah sound.
- Shafawi- All the meem sakin rules end in the word “Shafawi”. This is because in Arabic the word means “lips” and that is where the letter “meem” articulates from, the lips.

## How do we apply this rule?

**If the Meem Sakin is followed by a ﺏ, then we hide the meem, pronounce ghunnah. This is done in two words. Don't worry, we will practice...**

# Ikfaa Shafawi cont...



# Let's Practice! ((Ikfaa Shafawi))

Ikfaa Shafawi can be found in Surah Al Adiyat in Ayah 11:

**Beneficial Tip:**  
Recite the Istiada  
aloud when reciting  
while others are  
present. It can be  
recited silently when  
you are alone.

إِنَّ رَبَّهُمْ بِهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ لَّخَبِيرٌ

Practice reading the ayah, remember to  
make ghunnah.

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# Rule 2: Idghaam Shafawi

## Important Notes:

- The word “Idghaam” means to “merge”.
- Remember, the word “Shafawi” refers to the lips as the letter “meem” articulates from the lips. So with this rule we will be merging the meem with another letter.

## How do we apply this rule?

**Idghaam Shafawi happens when “meem” meets its twin, another “meem”. The first**

**meem should be a sakin: م م and the second meem should contain a shaddah mark**

**so it will look like this: مّ. Here we merge the two meems, pronounce ghunnah. This should be done in two words.**



# Idghaam Shafawi cont...



Can contain any  
harakat (i.e., fatha,  
dummah, kasra, or  
tanween.)

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# Let's Practice ((Idghaam Shafawi))

An Example of Idghaam Shafawi can be found in Surah Quraysh, Ayah 4:

الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِّنْ جُوعٍ وَآمَنَهُمْ مِّنْ خَوْفٍ

Practice reading the ayah, remember to  
make ghunnah.

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Recite the Basmalah  
before reciting any  
ayah of Qur'an.

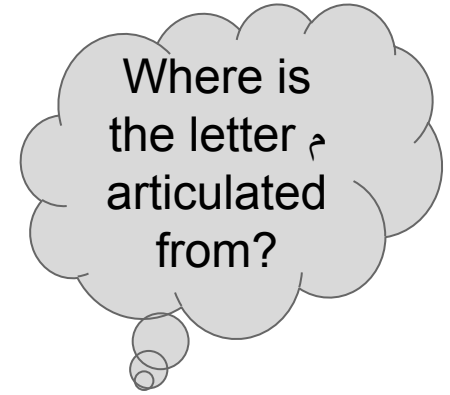
# Rule 3: Izhaar Shafawi

## Important Notes:

- Izhaar means “to make clear”.

## How do we apply this rule?

If meem sakin is followed by any letter other than **ب** or **م** then the meem sakin is pronounced clearly with no ghunnah. In this case the ghunnah will have a sukoon mark.



# Izhaar Shafawi cont...

خ	ح	ج	ث	ت	ب	أ
Kh	Haa'	Jiim	Thaa'	Taa'	Baa'	'Alif
ص	ش	س	ز	ر	ذ	د
Saad	Shiin	Siin	Zaayn	Raa'	(Th)aal	Daal
ق	ف	ع	غ	ظ	ط	ض
Qaaf	Faa'	Ghayn	'Ayn	(Th)aa'	Taa'	Daad
ي	و	ه	ن	م	ل	ك
Yaa'	Waa'w	Haa'	Nuun	Miim	Laam	Kaaf

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# Let's Practice ((Izhaar Shafawi))

Izhaar Shafawi can be found in Surah Al Ma'un, Ayah 5:

الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ

Remember there is no ghunnah  
pronounced here.

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# Quiz Time!



**How many rules  
does Meem  
Sakin have?**



**What are the  
rules of Meem  
Sakin?**





**Ikfaa means to**  
**\_\_\_\_\_?**



**In Ikfaa Shafawi If  
the Meem Sakin is  
followed by \_\_\_\_\_ we  
\_\_\_\_\_ the meem and  
pronounce the  
\_\_\_\_\_.?**



**In Ikfaa Shafawi is  
done in:**

**\_\_\_ one word  
\_\_\_ two words**



**Idghaam means  
to \_\_\_\_\_?**



**In Idghaam Shafawi  
If the Meem Sakin  
is followed by \_\_\_\_\_  
we \_\_\_\_\_ the and  
pronounce the  
\_\_\_\_\_?**



**In Idghaam Shafawi  
the second meem  
should have a  
shaddah:**

**\_\_\_\_\_ true**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ false**



# Izhaar means to

\_\_\_\_\_.



**In Izhaar Shafawi If  
the Meem Sakin is  
followed by \_\_\_\_\_ we  
\_\_\_\_\_ pronounce the  
meem \_\_\_\_\_.**





**In Izhaar Shafawi  
there is no  
ghunnah:**

**\_\_\_ true  
\_\_\_ false**



**In Izhaar Shafawi**  
**the meem:**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ will have no**  
**sukoon**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ will have**  
**sukoon**



**What does Tajweed  
mean?**



**May Allah increase us all in knowledge!  
Ameen.**

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

"The best among you (Muslims) are those who learn the  
Qur'an and teach it."  
[Sahih Bukhari]

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