ب The Letter Baa

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 2 of 29 · Joins on both sides

1 ITS SHAPES — the same letter, in each position

ب	بـ	ـبـ	ـب
On its own	At the start	In the middle	At the end

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

ب ب ب ب ب ب

3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

بَ	بِ	بُ
ba	**bi**	**bu**
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY BAA — there are 12

ه	خ	ل	د	ن	ت	ت	ب	ج
ث	ظ	ب	ش	ث	ب	ب	ك	ض
ح	س	ق	ب	ص	ت	م	ب	ب
ي	ب	ث	ب	ا	ب	ر	ت	ب
ز	ط	و	ع	ء	ث	ذ	ب	ف

5 WRITE IT YOURSELF

FOR THE GROWN-UP SITTING WITH THEM

WHERE IT COMES FROM

Both lips, pressed together and released.

HEAVY OR LIGHT

Light. The mouth stays relaxed and the sound stays at the front.

DOTS

One dot, below the line.

CONFUSED WITH

Taa and Thaa. All three share this body; only the dots differ, and Baa is the only one dotted below.

Listen for this mistake. Reading Baa as Paa. Arabic has no P. A child whose first language has one slips into it, and once it settles it is hard to hear.

☐ Shapes known ☐ Sound correct ☐ Reads with all three vowels ☐ Ready for the next letter