ض The Letter Daad

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 15 of 29 · Joins on both sides

1 ITS SHAPES — the same letter, in each position

On its own	At the start	In the middle	At the end
ض	ضـ	ـضـ	ـض

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

ض ض ض ض ض ض

3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

ضَ	ضِ	ضُ
ḍa	**ḍi**	**ḍu**
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY DAAD — there are 12

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

5 WRITE IT YOURSELF

FOR THE GROWN-UP SITTING WITH THEM

WHERE IT COMES FROM
The side of the tongue pressed against the upper back teeth. Either side, or both.

HEAVY OR LIGHT
Heavy. Always.

DOTS
One dot, above the line.

CONFUSED WITH
Daal, Dhaal and Zoa. In much of the world Daad is flattened into one of these.

Listen for this mistake. Making Daad with the tip of the tongue. The tip is not involved at all — the sound comes from the side pressing against the molars.

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