د The Letter Daal

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 8 of 29 · Never joins to the letter after it

1 ITS SHAPES — the same letter, in each position

د	ـد
On its own	After a letter

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

د د د د د د

3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

دَ	دِ	دُ
da	**di**	**du**
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY DAAL — there are 12

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

5 WRITE IT YOURSELF

FOR THE GROWN-UP SITTING WITH THEM

WHERE IT COMES FROM
The tip of the tongue against the roots of the upper front teeth.

HEAVY OR LIGHT
Light.

DOTS
No dots.

CONFUSED WITH
Dhaal, which is the same shape with one dot, and Daad, which is the heavy D.

Listen for this mistake. Letting Daal join to the next letter. It is one of six that never do, and a child who joins it has written a different word.

- [ ] Shapes known
- [ ] Sound correct
- [ ] Reads with all three vowels
- [ ] Ready for the next letter