ء The Letter Hamza

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 28 of 29 · Joins on both sides

1 ITS SHAPES — the same letter, in each position

ء	أ	ؤ	ئ
On its own	On an Alif	On a Waaw	On a Yaa

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

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3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

ءَ	ءِ	ءُ
ʾa	ʾi	ʾu
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY HAMZA — there are 12

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

5 WRITE IT YOURSELF

FOR THE GROWN-UP SITTING WITH THEM

WHERE IT COMES FROM
The deepest part of the throat, closed completely and then released.

HEAVY OR LIGHT
Light.

DOTS
No dots. The mark itself is the letter.

CONFUSED WITH
Alif, which it often sits on, and Ayn, which is made higher in the throat and is voiced.

Listen for this mistake. Smoothing Hamza away so two vowels run together. The stop must be clean — the throat closes fully and opens again.

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