ق The Letter Qaaf

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 21 of 29 · Joins on both sides

1 ITS SHAPES — the same letter, in each position

ق	قـ	ـقـ	ـق
On its own	At the start	In the middle	At the end

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

ق ق ق ق ق ق

3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

قَ	قِ	قُ
qa	**qi**	**qu**
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY QAAF — there are 12

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

5 WRITE IT YOURSELF

FOR THE GROWN-UP SITTING WITH THEM

WHERE IT COMES FROM
The deepest part of the tongue against the soft palate, right at the back.

HEAVY OR LIGHT
Heavy. Always.

DOTS
Two dots, above the line.

CONFUSED WITH
Kaaf. The two are made at the back of the tongue a short distance apart, and are constantly swapped.

Listen for this mistake. Reading Qaaf as Kaaf. This is the most common swap in the book, and it changes words — the two letters are not interchangeable in any position.

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