ص The Letter Saad

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 14 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
ص	صـ	ـصـ	ـص

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

ص ص ص ص ص ص

3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

صَ	صِ	صُ
ṣa	**ṣi**	**ṣu**
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY SAAD — there are 12

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

5 WRITE IT YOURSELF

FOR THE GROWN-UP SITTING WITH THEM

WHERE IT COMES FROM
The tip of the tongue against the back of the lower front teeth, with the back of the tongue raised.

HEAVY OR LIGHT
Heavy. Always.

DOTS
No dots.

CONFUSED WITH
Seen. The two are the same consonant; one is thin and one is full.

Listen for this mistake. Reading Saad as Seen. If the mouth stays flat the letter has changed. A parent can hear it without knowing Arabic — Saad should sound darker.

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