ي The Letter Yaa

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 29 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
ي	يـ	ـيـ	ـي

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

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3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

يَ	يِ	يُ
ya	**yi**	**yu**
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY YAA — there are 12

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ن	س	ض	ي	ث	ع	ي	ع	غ
غ	ك	ي	ي	ف	ب	د	ي	ب
ء	خ	ر	م	ب	ط	ي	ش	ي

5 WRITE IT YOURSELF

FOR THE GROWN-UP SITTING WITH THEM

WHERE IT COMES FROM
The middle of the tongue against the roof of the mouth.

HEAVY OR LIGHT
Light.

DOTS
Two dots, below the line.

CONFUSED WITH
Baa, because both carry dots below. Baa has one, Yaa has two.

Listen for this mistake. Reading the long ee short. Yaa as a madd is held, and clipping it is the same fault as clipping Alif, in a letter children meet much later.

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