ز The Letter Zaa

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 11 of 29 · Never joins to the letter after it

1 ITS SHAPES — the same letter, in each position

On its own	After a letter
ز	ـز

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

ز ز ز ز ز ز

3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

زَ	زِ	زُ
za	**zi**	**zu**
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY ZAA — there are 12

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

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.

HEAVY OR LIGHT
Light.

DOTS
One dot, above the line.

CONFUSED WITH
Dhaal and Zoa, which are both read as z by children who have not been corrected.

Listen for this mistake. Reading Zaa too softly, so it blurs into Seen. Zaa is voiced — the throat vibrates. Seen does not.

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