ظ The Letter Zoa

Qaida Lesson 1 — the letters · Letter 17 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
ظ	ظـ	ـظـ	ـظ

2 TRACE IT — start from the right

ظ ظ ظ ظ ظ ظ

3 READ IT WITH THE THREE SHORT VOWELS

ظَ	ظِ	ظُ
ẓa	**ẓi**	**ẓu**
fatha · zabar	kasra · zer	damma · pesh

4 CIRCLE EVERY ZOA — there are 12

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

5 WRITE IT YOURSELF

FOR THE GROWN-UP SITTING WITH THEM

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

HEAVY OR LIGHT
Heavy. Always.

DOTS
One dot, above the line.

CONFUSED WITH
Dhaal, Zaa and Daad. All four collapse into a single z sound if nobody corrects them.

Listen for this mistake. Reading Zoa as a heavy z with the tongue behind the teeth. The tongue has to come forward and show, exactly as for Dhaal, but with the mouth full.

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