

What is Tajweed?

Tajweed means to recite correctly. There are many rules of Tajweed. They all help us to recite the Quran in the best way, like the Prophet Muhammad PBUH (peace be upon him).

What is a Makhraj?

Every letter has a place where it is pronounced from. The place where each letter is pronounced from is called its Makhraj¹. For example the Makhraj of the letter ح is the middle of the throat.

What are Sifaat?

Sifaat² are qualities, or characteristics of each Arabic letter. Every letter has a Makhraj and some Sifaat (descriptions / qualities). In other words; Sifaat are all about “how a letter is pronounced” instead of “**where** the letter is pronounced from”

For example the Makhraj of the letter ح is the middle of the throat, while one of its Sifaat is that it's **Empty Mouthed**. Meaning it is pronounced lightly with your mouth looking empty and sounding empty.

¹ Makhraj is singular. Its plural is Makhaarij.

² Sifaat is the plural of Sifah which means quality or description.

Some Common Errors

Students make some common areas in the following areas.

1. The Six Throat Letters
2. The Full Mouth Letters
3. The Hybrid Letters

1.The Six Throat Letters:

There are six letters in the Arabic alphabet that are always pronounced from the throat. They are:

ح خ ع ح ع ه هـ

These letters are written in this order because they start from the bottom of the throat and go up to the top of the throat.

So هـ and ه are pronounced from right at the bottom of the throat around the stomach area.

ع and ح are pronounced from the middle of the throat

خ and ح are pronounced from the top of the throat near the back of the mouth.