Arabic

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pronunciation

Vowels		Consonants	
Symbol	English sound	Symbol	English sound
a	a ct	b	bed
aa	father	d	d og
aw	paw	dh	that
ay	say	f	fun
e	bet	gh	a guttural sound, like the French 'r'
ee	see	h	hat
i	hit	j	jar
00	Z00	k	kit
u	put	kh	as the 'ch' in the Scottish 'loch'
ı	a pronounced with the throat constricted — like the pause in the middle of 'uh-oh'	I	lot
In this chapter, the Arabic pronunciation is given in green after each phrase.		m	m an
		n	not
		r	run
		S	sun
Each syllable is separated by a dot, and the syllable stressed in each word is italicised.		sh	shot
		t	top
		th	thin
For example:	W	win	
نعم.	<i>na</i> ∙′am	у	y es
		Z	zero