

Arabic Writing

For Beginners



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS & PARENTS

Everyone likes neat and beautiful writing in any language. This skill requires a lot of practice and patience. However, following some basic rules, even a beginner can start writing clearly in a relatively short time. Arabic is a beautiful language to write. For a beginner or anybody who wants to improve his/her writing skills in Arabic the following guidelines are suggested.

1. Closely observe the shape of all the alphabets shown on page 2. In particular the proportionality between the thickness and the size of each letter is quite essential.

2. To achieve variable thickness of each letter a special pen should be used. Calligraphic pens are usually expensive. Any ordinary fountain pen (e.g. Sheaffer as shown, \$2.00 approx.) can be modified for Arabic writing. Grind the nib according to the figure shown. A fine grain stone or sand paper may be used. For this book a nib thickness of 1 mm is suggested.



3. Each letter has a specific position with respect to a horizontal line (e.g. من روفت). On each page this is shown in the extreme right hand column.
4. The direction in which a letter should be written is indicated by fine arrows as shown in the extreme right hand column on each page (e.g. و, د, ت).
5. Start writing on the second line starting from the right hand side. Try to fill the outlined letter (e.g. و) by a single movement of the pen. Do not repeat again on the same letter.
6. Always complete the main body of the letter first and then place the dots (و).
7. For the best results complete line 2 through 4 on each page, then 5 through 7 and finally 8 through 10. The number of letters in lines 8 through 10 should be exactly same as given in the above lines.
8. Write slowly and carefully. At least five books are recommended for practice. Number and date all the books completed to keep track of your progress.