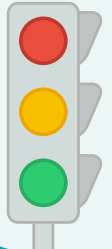


How Should We Recite the Qur'an?



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



Define tartil

Reflect on the beautiful recitation of Abu Musa رضي الله عنه

Explore how to recite with the heart



Key Words

Tartil - تَرْتِيلٌ

Tadabbur - تَدَبُّرٌ

Tajwid - تَجْوِيدٌ

T Thinking Starter

How would you feel if someone was always in a hurry when talking to you and didn't listen carefully?



Tartil

We are so blessed that Allah has chosen us to recite His special words. When reciting the Qur'an, we should not rush. Instead, we should recite calmly and beautifully. This will help us to **enjoy** and **love** the Qur'an. Allah سبحانه وتعالى said in the Qur'an:

وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلًا ﴿٤﴾

“...and recite the Qur'an slowly and distinctly.”

(Surah al-Muzzammil:4)

Allah سبحانه وتعالى is telling us to recite with **tartil**. Along with tartil, we should recite with **tajwid** (the rules of reciting the Qur'an correctly).

Tartil: Reciting slowly and calmly, making sure each word is clear.



IT'S STORY TIME!

The Qur'an Champion: Abu Musa al-Ash'ari رضي الله عنه

Abu Musa al-Ash'ari رضي الله عنه was one of the great Qur'an champions amongst the Companions.

One night, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم walked past his house and heard some mesmerising sounds: it was Abu Musa reciting the Qur'an. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was super impressed!

The next morning, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said to him, "Abu Musa! You have certainly been given a flute from the flutes of Dawud." This meant that he had an incredible voice like Dawud عليه السلام, who was known for his amazing recitations.

"If I had known that you were listening to me, I would have made my voice even more beautiful!" replied Abu Musa رضي الله عنه.

أَبُو مُوسَى
الْأَشْعَرِي
رضي الله عنه



One of the Tabi'in (people who saw the Sahabah) said, "When Abu Musa led us in prayer, we wished he would recite Surah al-Baqarah because of the beauty of his voice."



Did You Know?

Surah al-Baqarah is the longest surah in the Qur'an!

Wow!
Subhanallah!
Imagine listening
to Abu Musa
رضي الله عنه recite.

Now, you might think his voice was beautiful just for its sound, but the purpose of the Qur'an is more than just sounding nice. The best recitation is one that helps us remember Allah. This is why, when Abu Musa رضي الله عنه would be in the company of the great Caliph 'Umar ibn al-Khattab رضي الله عنه, 'Umar would say to him, "Remind us of our Lord, Abu Musa!" and then Abu Musa would recite.



What two things can you do to be like the great Qur'an Champion, Abu Musa?



Task 1

Find the errors in these sentences and write the correct answers.

- ① Dawud عليه السلام was given the 'Tawrah'. _____
- ② Allah سبحانه وتعالى gave Abu Musa رضي الله عنه an ordinary voice. _____
- ③ Surah al-Baqarah is the shortest surah in the Qur'an. _____
- ④ Tartil is to recite the Qur'an quickly and impatiently. _____

Your Heart

Like all acts of worship, reciting the Qur'an is not just an action of the body. There is a more important part to it: we must recite it with our **hearts**. When we recite the Qur'an, we should do so with **ikhlas (sincerity)**. This means we should only recite it to make Allah happy with us.

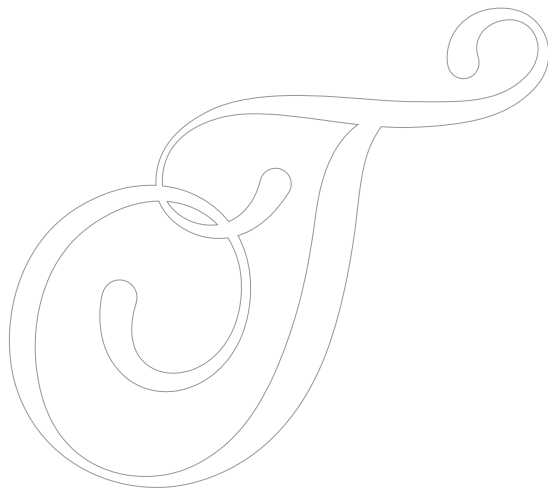
We should think about whose words we are reciting, imagining that Allah is speaking directly to us!

We should also think deeply about the verses we are reciting (**tadabbur**). Our hearts should be filled with **respect** and deep **love** for the Qur'an, for it is the word of Allah سبحانه وتعالى.



Task 2

Write a definition for each of the following words:



Tartil: _____

Tadabbur: _____

Tajwid: _____

Tafsir: _____



Did You Know?

Reciting the Qur'an is one of the best ways to polish our hearts.

I polish my heart!



Task 3

The Adab (Etiquettes) of Reciting the Qur'an



- a) Inside the heart, write the **feelings** and **thoughts** you should fill your heart with when reciting the Qur'an.
- b) Around the heart, write the **physical actions** you can do to show your respect for the Qur'an.

I Act On What I Learn

I will recite the Qur'an calmly and beautifully.

P Progress Check



- 1. What is tartil?

- 2. What can we learn from Abu Musa al-Ash'ari رضي الله عنه?

- 3. How can we recite with our hearts?
