

## Lesson 21: Stopping Signs

The stopping signs given in the Qur'an are there to ensure that we recite the Qur'an properly and do not commit mistakes while stopping during recitation. If there is more than one sign then follow the uppermost sign.

Sign	Meaning	Explanation	Example
م			لَقَدْ سَمِعَ اللَّهُ قَوْلَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ فَقِيرٌ وَنَحْنُ أَغْنِيَاءُ سَنَكُفُّبُ مَا قَالُوا
○	Given at the verse ending along with the Ayah number.	Stopping here is the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ.	وَإِنَّهُ لَحَقُّ الْيَقِينِ ﴿٥١﴾
سكته س	Pause	Stop here for a duration of two Harakah without taking breath and then continue.	وَقِيلَ مَنْ رَاقٍ ﴿٧٧﴾
وقفه	Stop	It is a long Saktah. Stop for a longer time but don't take any breath and then continue.	رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَارْحَمْنَا أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٨٦﴾
ث مع ث	Pair of 3 dots.	Stop at one of them.	ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ
ط	Stop	Better to stop at this sign.	يُضِلُّ بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَيَهْدِي بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَمَا يُضِلُّ بِهِ إِلَّا الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾
قف	Stop	Stop here.	أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾
كلام	Permissible	You may stop or continue.	أُولَئِكَ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى النَّارِ
لا ○	لا on the circle	You may continue or stop.	الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢﴾

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ز ص ق ج صل		Better to continue	<p>وَلَا تَسْتَوْرُوا بِأَيْمِي نَمْمًا قَلِيلًا ۚ وَإِنِّي فَاتَّقُونَ ﴿٤١﴾</p> <p>فَأَحْرَجَهُمَا مِمَّا كَانَا فِيهِ ۖ</p> <p>ذَلِكَ بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا يَعْتَدُونَ ﴿١١٦﴾</p> <p>وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُوا إِلَىٰ الْحَنَّةِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ بِأَذْنِهِ ۗ</p> <p>اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ ۗ إِنِّي إِذًا لَمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ</p>
لا	No Stopping	If you stop here, it will distort the meanings. If you stop due to some constraint, then repeat the verse from the beginning or from two or three words before it taking care of the meanings.	<p>الَّذِينَ تَتَوَفَّيهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ طَيِّبِينَ ۚ</p> <p>يَقُولُونَ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ</p> <p>بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾</p>

## WAQF : TYPES OF STOPS



<p>س م سكتته</p> <p>قله ط قف وقفة</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>صل لا ج</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>ز ص ق ج صل</p>	
<p>لا</p>	

**MUST STOP** Continuing is Prohibited  
 PAUSE (Without taking breath)  
 STOP AT ONE POINT (Not both)

**Better to STOP** Continuing is Allowed

**STOP or CONTINUE** Both are Allowed

**Better to STOP** Stopping are Allowed

**DONT'T STOP** Stopping is Prohibited