

Lesson 19a

How to learn the Qur'an

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn **232 new words**, which occur **41,111 times** in the Qur'an.



Introduction: In this lesson, we will learn the best ways to learn the Qur'an: (1) Ask Allah for knowledge; (2) Use all the resources starting with the pen; and (3) Try to compete and excel.

1 Ask Allah for knowledge

عَلِّمْنَا (سورة طه: ١١٤)

زِدْنِي

رَبِّ

in knowledge.	Increase me		O, My Lord!
عِلْم: knowledge	نِي me	زِدْ increase	رَبِّ: Takes care of us & helps us grow:

- Allah taught this Du'aa (supplication) to Prophet ﷺ especially for memorizing and learning the Qur'an. We should, therefore, beg Allah using this Du'aa repeatedly and sincerely.
- Tip to remind us to receipt this Duaa: You may link it to the word 'ilm' in Ayatul-Kursi and after you recite ayatal kursi or after Adhkaar, say: رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا
- Along with Du'aa, we must make a plan and spend time every day to understand the Qur'an. If a student asks Allah for success in every Salah but does not go to school nor open any book to study, will he pass the exam? If we just pray for knowledge but don't make an effort then we are playing with the Du'aa?
- Some people say that you don't need to know more; just practice what you know. This statement is not correct. The only Du'aa taught by Allah for increase is the increase in knowledge! More knowledge will give us stronger faith and then it will be easier to obey Allah. It will also help us spread it in a better way. It will be easier to understand and avoid the attacks of Shaitaan.
- How should you pray? Like a person who is hungry for two or three days; Like a heart patient who will undergo an open heart surgery the next day. Will he ask Allah only once? Will he ask without feelings? Ask Allah again and again to help us understand every page of the most important book of knowledge.

2 Use all the resources starting with the pen

بِالْقَلَمِ (سورة العلق: 4)

عَلَّمَ

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الَّذِي

by the pen.		taught	(The one) Who
الْقَلَمِ	بِ	تَعَلَّمَ: learnt	الَّذِي: the one who
pen	by	عَلَّمَ: taught	الَّذِينَ: those who

- When Allah says that He taught by the pen, pick up the pen immediately! You have written millions of words with your hand. Now use your hand for learning Qura'nic Arabic and make it a habit.
- Where will you write? Maintain a notebook. Keep a record of what you are learning. Develop a small library of books and notebooks.
- According to modern research, writing helps you learn things effectively. You have to first read or listen to things, think about it, and then use your eyes and fingers to write while keeping the whole body silent and focused on the task.

- Make a vow to yourself today that you will spare at least five minutes for writing the meanings and the grammatical forms of new words. Do it not with laziness but with passion, devotion, and sincerity.
- If there is any knowledge that this Ummah is deficient in, it is the knowledge of the Qur'an, whose first word of the first revelation is, "Read!" أَفْرَأْ. Make reading and writing your special habit especially when it comes to learning the Qur'an.

3 Compete and try to excel

(الْمَلِكُ: 2)	عَمَلًا ط	36 أَحْسَنُ	59 أَيُّكُمْ		
in deeds?	is best			Which of you	
عَمَلٌ، أَعْمَالٌ +	أَكْبَرُ	كَبِيرٌ	Big	كُمُ	أَيُّ
	أَصْغَرُ	صَغِيرٌ	Small	your, you	which of
	أَحْسَنُ	حَسَنٌ	Good		

- Allah created us not just to see who is a Muslim and who is not; but to see who is best. Best in individual works, i.e., best in praying; best in homes; best in office, etc.. best in social works such as helping others, doing Da'wah, enjoining good, and forbidding evil.
- You have started learning the Qur'an. Allah is watching us right now to see who is better in learning the Qur'an in this class? Only for the sake of Allah, try to be better than others. Allah will reward you based on your efforts. Just try your best and compete.
- Shaitaan is burning in rage. Why? Because you have taken the first step towards learning the Qur'an. He will try his level best to stop you. Shaitaan is very experienced but you enjoy the support of Allah.
- Shaitaan is ready, angels are also ready, their pens are also ready to record your deeds. Are you ready?