

Lesson 1a

INTRODUCTION & Ta'awwuz

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn 12 new words, which occur 7,248 times in the Qur'an.



OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE:

1. To convince you that the Qur'an is easy to understand
2. To teach how to understand the Qur'an – the easy way, using word-for-word study.
3. To help you pray Salah effectively with Khushoo, i.e, humility (by teaching you 7 Surahs and Adhkaar of Salah) so that the effects of Salah are reflected in your daily lives
4. To teach how to bring the Qur'an into our lives
5. To teach basic Arabic Grammar using TPI and spoken Arabic
6. To teach 100 sentences of (Qur'an-centric) Spoken Arabic

Qur'an is easy to understand:

Allah says: *وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ* « And We have indeed made the Qur'an easy to understand and remember ». To say that Qur'an is difficult is a satanic trick. Can we be among those who negate Qur'an. Astaghfirullah.

The Book of the Qur'an is called Mushaf. Hafizi Mushaf (which is generally used for memorization of the Qur'an) usually has 600 pages. Each page has 15 lines and approximately 9 words appear in each line. This means every page has 135 words. To simplify, if we consider 130 words per page, then the Qur'an has 130x600 words, i.e., approximately 78,000 words.

If we take surahs and Adhkaar recited in a typical Salah, i.e., *سُورَةُ الْفَاتِحَةِ*, the last six Surahs (*سُورَةُ الْفَالِقِ*, *سُورَةُ الْاِحْلَاصِ*, *سُورَةُ الْكَافِرُونَ*, *سُورَةُ النَّصْرِ*, *سُورَةُ الْعَصْرِ*, *سُورَةُ النَّاسِ*), Adhkaar of Salah (Du'aa after Adhaan and Wudoo, Tasbeehat of Rukoo' and Sajdah, Tashahud, Durood and two important Du'aas) and learn few Arabic Grammar rules then InshaAllah, we can learn 232 important words that occur 41,000 times in the Qur'an, i.e., more than 50% words of the Qur'an. Every second word that occurs in Qur'an is from Adhkaar of Salah!!!

The above are the contents of this Course which can InshaAllah be learnt in 20 hours. Isn't the Qur'an easy to understand?

Unique approach of this course:

We don't start with dry lessons such as *هَذَا بَيْتٌ كَبِيرٌ*. When are you going to repeat *هَذَا بَيْتٌ كَبِيرٌ*? Perhaps if you have an Arab neighbor and his toddler comes to you crying; you take him in your lap and to console him, you say: *هَذَا بَيْتٌ كَبِيرٌ*. That may never happen!

Our lessons start with Al-Fatihah! Talk to Allah 25 to 30 times everyday. Practice Arabic language with Allah! What an amazing start! And right on the target!

We spend almost an hour for 5 prayers talking to Allah in Arabic! Why not start from there! It is the most common sense approach and it is valid for every Muslim man, woman, old, and young, and even for a child.

We can improve our Salah:

Salah can be improved by the following:

- Try to recite slow. We don't want anyone to talk to us at very high speed; let us not therefore talk to Allah very fast.

- Concentrate on the words that you say in Salah. We don't accept anyone talking to us while his mind is somewhere else; let us then not do the same to Allah.
- Recite with feelings and emotions. We don't like to sit even for a minute with a person who talks to us like a robot.

To avoid whispering of Shaitaan in Salah, make sure that we keep all of our brain channels busy. Along with recitation, we should try to focus on Tajweed, translation, message, visualization, and recite with feelings.

Ta'awwuz:

We should recite **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ** before reciting Surah Fatihah or Qur'an. Let us first learn its translation.

Below is the format of the translation in this course. Arabic text is given in the first row. The second row contains a word-for-word translation. This is followed by the explanation of the words in the third row. Recite the complete Arabic text first, then read each word along with its translation and at the end read the translation of the complete text.

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the outcast.	from Satan,	in Allah		I seek refuge
Do you think Shaitaan is close to Allah's mercy? He is rejected; outcast; thrown away from Allah's mercy. Remember the context to memorize the meanings.	from مِنْ: More than 3000 times in the Qur'an	الله	بِ	Safety first ; 'Buckle up ;' Get protection.
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- We know Allah is above the heavens but He is very close to us. He even knows what we think. Recite the above with firm belief that Allah is responding to our request.
- Who is Shaitaan? Our biggest and most dangerous enemy. He has huge experience of making people slip from the time of Adam A. He made even Adam A slip in Jannah. None of us can be smarter than Adam A in resisting Shaitaan. Shaitaan has told Allah that he will attack us from the right, the left, the front, and the back.
- We cannot see Shaitaan, nor hit him, nor convince him to become good. The only solution and the most powerful solution is to recite **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ**.
- Shaitaan disobeyed Allah and was thrown away from Allah's mercy. This *Rajeem* wants us to follow him and become like him. He is there to take us to the hellfire. Therefore, feel the insecurity caused by the attacks of Shaitaan and ask Allah for protection the way a desperate beggar asks for food.
- Each one of us has a Shaitaan with him/her and he is continuously attacking us in our home, office, market, while we are alone or with mobile or with friends. We are in a state of continuous war with him.
- **1st Habit:** "Safety First;" run to Allah for protection. This is the habit of a successful person in this war against Shaitaan. This is the First of the 12 habits that we will learn in Surah Al-Fatihah.