

**Lesson  
2a**

**Surah Al-Fatihah (1-3)**

After completing this lesson 2 (a & b), you will learn **27 new words**, which occur **8,638 times** in the Qur'an.



**Introduction:** Surah Al-Fatihah is the first complete Surah of the Qur'an. It is so important that Allah has asked us to recite it every day, in every Salah, and in every Raka'ah! In this lesson, we will take first three verses of the Surah.

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1 الرَّحِيمِ

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الرَّحْمَنِ

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اللَّهِ

بِسْمِ

the Most Merciful.	the Most Gracious,	(of) Allah,	In the name	
Words of this type show continuity. Beautiful جَمِيلٌ Good mannered كَرِيمٌ <sup>27</sup> Continually Merciful الرَّحِيمِ	Words of this type show intensity. Extremely angry عَظِيمٌ Intensely Merciful رَحْمَنٌ		إِسْمِ	بِ
			name	in

- **Second Habit:** Say Bismillah before you start or do anything like eating, sleeping, reading, writing etc. Be confident and hopeful that Ar-Rahmaan is always with you. He will definitely help you.
- The more we ponder upon and believe in the attributes of Allah the more we will feel the power and effect of reciting Bismillah.
- الرَّحْمَنُ means extremely merciful. رَحِيمٌ means continuously merciful. Allah is Rahman as well as Raheem, i.e., He is blessing us with a heavy and continuous rain of mercy.
- Don't forget Allah at happy occasions. Have good opinion and hope in Allah at the time of trial. Just say, my Rabb has always blessed me extensively and definitely there is something good for me in this trial.
- **Third Habit:** Always have positive thinking about Allah, i.e., think positive about Allah because He is الرَّحْمَنُ and الرَّحِيمِ. He takes care of us and fulfills all our needs with love and kindness. He has created us and given us eyes, ears, brain, hands and feet. He blessed us with parents, relatives, and friends. He has made all arrangements for our comfortable living.
- There are many benefits of having positive thoughts about Allah, like peaceful life, happiness, success, health, tranquility, satisfaction, better relationships, etc. This is million times better than the modern concept of mere positive thinking.

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2 الْعَالَمِينَ

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رَبِّ

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لِلَّهِ

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الْحَمْدُ

of the worlds.	the Lord	(are) for Allah		All praise and thanks
world عَالَمٌ worlds عَالَمِينَ Imagine billions of people; trillions of insects; zillions of galaxies	Takes care of us & helps us grow. Every cell of billions of cells.	اللَّهِ	لِ	Two meanings of حَمْدٌ: All Praise and thanks
		Allah	for	
		be to Allah		

- Hamd means Praise: Praise Allah with your heart. O Allah! You are the Greatest, You are the Best Creator, You are the Most Caring and Kind, etc.
- Second meaning of Hamd is to thank: Thank Him for the countless blessings. He gave you the safety, the food that you eat, and the chance to offer Salah, the chance to ask Him, etc.

- **Imagine and feel** Allah’s Greatness. He is our Rabb. He takes care of all His billions of creatures and makes arrangements for their sustenance.
- **Habit No. 4:** Seek intensive knowledge and ponder upon the Universe. A serious study of science, mathematics and history will make you realize How Great is our Rabb, the creator and sustainer of the Universe. This way, you will praise Him from the depth of your heart.
- **Evaluate:** How many times did I get influenced by this world and forget to say **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** ?
- **Habit No. 5:** Thank Allah in every moment and in any situation whether you are eating, drinking, travelling, sleeping, waking up or getting blessings at different occasions.

الرَّحِيمِ  
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الرَّحْمَنِ

**the Most Merciful**

**The Most Gracious,**

- Rahmah means to take care of someone with extreme care and love, and his/her needs. See how Allah is continuously showering His mercy on us. Just take one example. To change the weather, Allah is making earth to rotate around the Sun at the whopping speed of 20 kilometers per second. We don’t even feel a small jerk. Allah is controlling it otherwise the earthquakes would have tuned our earth to dust and debris.
- The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: “He who does not show mercy to others will not be shown mercy (by Allah).” [Bukhari]. Therefore be merciful to others on this day, this time or after this Salah in which you heard or read this verse. Take care of them with love. This is the **Habit No. 6.**