Harakat Practice: Zabar, Zer, Pesh

Noorani Qaida Lesson 4 · for children aged 4 to 8, with a parent or teacher

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My name: _____ Date: _____

Zabar

بَ

A small line **above** the letter.
Says **"a"**, as in **ba**.

Zer

بِ

A small line **below** the letter.
Says **"i"**, as in **bi**.

Pesh

بُ

A small **waw** above the letter.
Says **"u"**, as in **bu**.

1 Read aloud

Start on the right: read the letter, then with zabar, zer and pesh, just like in the Qaida. Tick the box when you can read the whole row without help.

I CAN DO IT	PESH	ZER	ZABAR	LETTER
☐	u اُ	i اِ	a اَ	ا
☐	bu بُ	bi بِ	ba بَ	ب
☐	tu تُ	ti تِ	ta تَ	ت
☐	thu ثُ	thi ثِ	tha ثَ	ث
☐	ju جُ	ji جِ	ja جَ	ج
☐	ḥu حُ	ḥi حِ	ḥa حَ	ح
☐	khu خُ	khi خِ	kha خَ	خ
☐	du دُ	di دِ	da دَ	د
☐	dhu ذُ	dhi ذِ	dha ذَ	ذ
☐	ru رُ	ri رِ	ra رَ	ر

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2 Write the sound

Say each letter out loud, then write its sound on the line. Start on the right: the first one is **ma**.

كُ	فِ	سَ	لُ	نِ	مَ
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
قُ	يِ	تَ	بُ	رِ	دَ
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3 Colour by harakah

Zabar: yellow Zer: blue Pesh: green

لَ	كِ	شِ	دَ	جُ	وُ
فُ	زَ	نُ	قِ	سَ	صُ
رِ	مِ	هَ	عُ	بَ	تِ

4 Add the missing mark

Draw zabar, zer or pesh on each letter so it makes the sound written under it.

ر	ف	ك	س	ل	ن	م	ب
ri	fa	ku	si	la	nu	mi	ba

Tip for parents: keep practice short, 5 to 10 minutes a day is plenty. Point to each letter as your child reads, and praise every row they finish. Harakat are always short sounds: say "ba", not "baa".

Answers, activity 2: مَ = ma نِ = ni لُ = lu سَ = sa فِ = fi كُ = ku دَ = da رِ = ri بُ = bu تَ = ta يِ = yi قُ = qu