

Arabic Worksheet: Lam Shamsiya and Lam Qamariya

1. Introduction:

In Arabic, the definite article **ال** (al) means "**the**". However, when it is followed by certain letters, the pronunciation changes. These letters are divided into **Lam Shamsiya (اللام الشمسية)** and **Lam Qamariya (اللام القمرية)**.

2. Lam Qamariya (اللام القمرية):

The **lam (ل)** is **pronounced** clearly.

Qamariya Letters: أ ب ج ح خ ع غ ف ق ك م ه و ي

Examples: - القمر (al-qamar) → The moon - الكتاب (al-kitaab) → The book - الجمل (al-jamal) → The camel

3. Lam Shamsiya (اللام الشمسية):

The **lam (ل)** is **not pronounced**, and the next letter gets a **shadda (ّ)**.

Shamsiya Letters: ت ث د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ل ن

Examples: - الشمس (ash-shams) → The sun - النجم (an-najm) → The star - السيارة (as-sayyarah) → The car

4. Comprehensive Practice Table:

Identify whether the word has **Lam Qamariya (Q)** or **Lam Shamsiya (S)**.

#	Arabic Word	Transliteration	Meaning	Type (Q/S)
1	القلم	al-qalam	the pen	Q
2	الشمس	ash-shams	the sun	S
3	الباب	al-baab	the door	Q
4	النهر	an-nahr	the river	S
5	الكتاب	al-kitaab	the book	Q
6	الدرس	ad-dars	the lesson	S
7	الجمل	al-jamal	the camel	Q

#	Arabic Word	Transliteration	Meaning	Type (Q/S)
8	الزهرة	az-zahra	the flower	S
9	الفيل	al-feel	the elephant	Q
10	السماء	as-samaa	the sky	S
11	الهواء	al-hawaa	the air	Q
12	الثوب	ath-thawb	the garment	S
13	القمر	al-qamar	the moon	Q
14	النجم	an-najm	the star	S
15	الكعبة	al-ka'bah	the Kaaba	Q
16	التلميذ	at-tilmeedh	the student	S
17	الغنم	al-ghanam	the sheep	Q
18	الرجل	ar-rajul	the man	S
19	الماء	al-maa'	the water	Q
20	الزرافة	az-zaraafah	the giraffe	S
21	الولد	al-walad	the boy	Q
22	السيارة	as-sayyarah	the car	S
23	الحليب	al-haleeb	the milk	Q
24	الظل	az-zill	the shadow	S
25	الجبل	al-jabal	the mountain	Q
26	الصديق	as-sadeeq	the friend	S
27	الهدهد	al-hudhud	the hoopoe	Q
28	الضوء	ad-daw'	the light	S
29	الفم	al-fam	the mouth	Q
30	الثعلب	ath-tha'lab	the fox	S

5. Writing Practice:

Rewrite the following words, adding the correct Lam (ال) at the beginning: 1. شمس → __ 2. قمر → _ 3. نجم → _ 4. كتاب → __ 5. ولد → __

6. Challenge Activity:

Write three sentences — one with Lam Qamariya, one with Lam Shamsiya, and one with both. Example: - لِنَا
الشمس و الكتاب أحب.

Teacher's Note: Encourage students to pronounce each example aloud to notice the difference in the sound of **Lam** between the two types.