

Lesson 6

Sifaat al-Huruf (Qualities of Letters)

- In the discipline of the recitation of the Holy Qur'an it means the special characteristic of qualities found in each letter when pronounced on its own.

-The two main qualities of the letters are;

Iste'laa (elevation)

Istefaal (lowness)

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In the discipline of the recitation of the Holy Qur'an it means raising the root of the tongue to the roof of the mouth during the emergence of the letter.

There are 7 letter of Iste'laa

ص ض ط ظ خ غ ق

Istefaal (lowness)

In the discipline of the recitation of the Holy Qur'an it means lowering the root of the tongue to the floor of the mouth during the emergence of the letter.

This quality belongs to all the letters in the Arabic alphabet excluding the seven letters of Iste'laa.

- The letters of (ج) and (د) have their own special rules which will be explained later.