

In Arabic, “AL” ال “The” is added to any noun. It does not matter if the noun is singular or plural or masculine or feminine. However, when it comes to pronunciation, we distinguish between two types of definite articles.

- 1) Al Shamsiya: means that the “L” in “AL” is **not** pronounced and the first alphabet that is attached to it is stressed. And this happens before any word that starts with the following:

ت ، ث ، د ، ر ، ز ، س ،
ش ، ص ، ط ، ظ ، ل ، ن

- 1) Al Qamariya: both A and L / “AL” are pronounced and they are attached to the following.

أ ، ب ، ج ، ح ، خ ، ع ،
غ ، ف ، ق ، ك ، م ، و ،

ه ، ي

Al Qamariya	Indefinite	Al Shamsiya	Indefinite
أ - الأنف The nose	أنف	ت - التاجر	تاجر
		The trader	

<p>ب - الباب</p> <p>The door</p>	<p>باب</p>	<p>ث - الثوم</p> <p>The garlic</p>	<p>ثوم</p>
<p>ج - الجمال</p> <p>The camel</p>	<p>جمال</p>	<p>د - الدولة</p> <p>The country</p>	<p>دولة</p>

ح - الحُبُّ	حِب	ر - الرَّيِّع	رَبِيع
The love		The spring	
خ - الخَبْرُ	خَبْر	ز - الزُّجَّاجَةُ	زُجَّاجَةٌ
The news		The bottle	

<p>ع - الْعِلْمُ</p> <p>The science</p>	<p>عِلْمٌ</p>	<p>س - السَّمَاءُ</p> <p>The sky</p>	<p>سَمَاءٌ</p>
<p>غ - الْغَمَامُ</p> <p>The clouds</p>	<p>غَمَامٌ</p>	<p>ش - الشَّمْسُ</p> <p>The sun</p>	<p>شَمْسٌ</p>

<p>ف – الْفَرَسُ</p> <p>The horse</p>	<p>فَرَس</p>	<p>ص – الصَّبْرُ</p> <p>The patience</p>	<p>صَبْر</p>
<p>ق – الْقِرْدُ</p> <p>The monkey</p>	<p>قِرْد</p>	<p>ط – الطَّيِّبُ</p> <p>The doctor</p>	<p>طَيِّب</p>
<p>ك – الكَلِمَة</p> <p>The word</p>	<p>كَلِمَة</p>	<p>ظ – الظُّلَام</p> <p>The darkness</p>	<p>ظَلَام</p>

<p>ح م الْمَلِكُ</p> <p>The king</p>	<p>مَلِكٍ</p>	<p>ل ل اللَّيْلِ</p> <p>The night</p>	<p>لَيْلٍ</p>
<p>و و الْوَرَقُ</p> <p>The paper</p>	<p>وَرَقٍ</p>	<p>ن ن النُّورِ</p> <p>The light</p>	<p>نُورٍ</p>

<p>هـ - الهَوَاءُ</p> <p>The air</p>	<p>هَوَاء</p>		
<p>ي - اليَوْمُ</p> <p>The day</p>	<p>يَوْم</p>		