

STOPPING SIGNS

It is important to know the correct points at which to stop or continue during recitation in order to not change or distort the meaning of the ayaat.

In the Qur'an there are some signs or punctuation marks called 'waqf' or in plural 'wuqoof'.

These are found in the middle or the end of ayaat and give us an indication of whether stopping/ pausing is permitted or not.

The most common waqf is:

◦ : **End of an aya – STOP**

Sometimes the following letters are placed on the 'O' or in the middle an aya to indicate various rules of stopping.

م	Compulsory stop – Otherwise meaning is changed
ع	Stop – End of a section
ط	Should stop – End of a sentence
ف	Better to stop
ج	Can stop or continue
ص	Must continue, can take a breath
صل	Must continue, can take a breath
ز	Must continue, can take a breath
لا	Better NOT to stop
∴	Stop at the first or the second but not at both
قل	Better to stop but permissible to continue
صل	Better to continue but permissible to stop

AHADITH REGARDING THE QUR'AN

*"The one who recites the Qur'an
and the one who listens to it have
an equal share in the reward."*

Prophet (pbuh)

*"These hearts rust just as iron
rusts; and indeed they are
polished through the recitation of
the Qur'an."*

Prophet (pbuh)

*"One who recites the Qur'an will
be free from need (of everyone),
and thereafter will not be in need
of anything..."*

Imam Ja'far Sadiq (pbuh)

