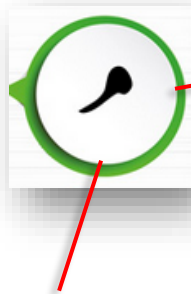


## Punctuation Marks (in the Qur'aan)

### علامات الوقف

These are the five signs used in the Madinah *Mushaf*:

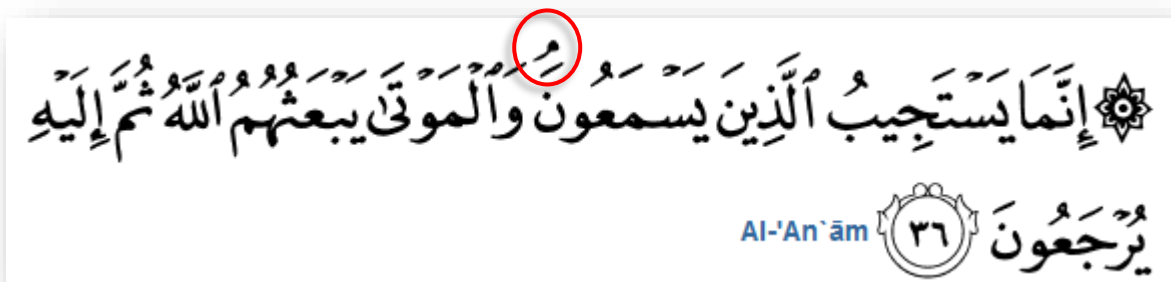


علامة الوقف اللازم

'Compulsory pause'

This means if you don't pause (at this sign), the meaning will change.

For example:



If you don't pause (at the *miim* sign) it will mean:

*'Only those who hear and are dead, respond'*.



علامةُ الوقفِ الجائزِ،  
جوازاً مُستويَ الطرفينِ

This means it is permissible to stop.

Either you pause (at this sign) or don't pause, it does not make much difference (to the meaning).



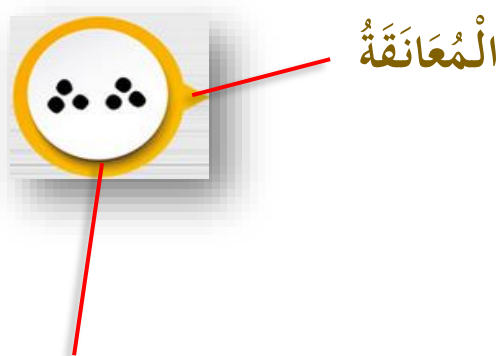
علامةُ الوقفِ الجائزِ،  
مع كونِ الوقفِ أولى

This means is it better to pause (at this sign) as the meaning will be clearer.



علامةُ الوقفِ الجائزِ،  
مع كونِ الوصلِ أولى

This means to continue and not pause, is better (as the meaning is clearer). But if you pause there, it is not going to change the meaning.



This literally means ‘*embracing*’.

You will find them written very close to each other.

They mean: If you pause at the first sign, don’t pause at the second sign.



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