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## THE IKHFĀ RULE

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In this section, the rule we are looking at is called "Ikhfā". The word Ikhfā means, 'to hide'.

But what is the Ikhfā rule?



All the letters that remain after the three previous rules are letters of Ikhfā.

So whenever we have a Nūn Sākinah or a Tanwīn, followed by any of these letters:

ت ث ج د ذ ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ف ق ك

Izhār has 6 letters  
Idghām has 6 letters  
Iqlāb has 1 letter

There are 15 letters in total for Ikhfā.

We make a light nasal sound and hold for 2 counts.

By making a light nasal sound, we are hiding the clear Nūn sound.

(Remember, we said the word Ikhfā means, 'to hide'.)

## Flashback

What are the letters of Idghām?

.....

What are the letters of Iqlāb?

.....

What are the letters of Izhār?

.....

## FUN FACT!

The Ikhfā rule appears just like the Idghām rule.

So the Nūn Sākinah will appear **without** the sukūn on top, so it looks like this.

ن

And the Tanwīn will appear like this:

ننن

**Task 1:** Find the Ikhfā rule & write the letter that appears after the Nūn Sākinah / Tanwīn on the dotted line next to the word.

Nūn Sākinah ( ن ) (After a Nūn Sākinah, you have an Idghām letter.)	Tanwīn ( َ ِ ُ ) (After a Tanwīn, you have an Idghām letter.)
..... مِنْ ثَمَرَةٍ	..... بَشَرًا سَوِيًّا
..... أَنْكَالًا	..... عَمَلًا صَالِحًا
..... نُنْشِرُهَا	..... ظِلِّ ذِي ثَلَاثِ
..... مِنْ قَرِيبٍ	..... مَلِكٌ كَرِيمٌ
..... لَنْ تَفْعَلُوا	..... قَوْمًا طَاغِينَ

When making the Ikhfā sound, we must always keep in mind the Ikhfā letter that follows the Nūn Sākinah / Tanwīn.

If the Ikhfā letter is a light letter, we will read the Nūn sound lightly.

E.g. أَنْتَ

E.g. وَكَأَسَا دِهَاقًا

But if the Ikhfā letter is a heavy letter, we will make the Nūn sound heavy.

E.g. أَنْ طَهَّرَا

E.g. مَكَانًا ضَيِّقًا

Can you write examples of your own?

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Task 1: Colour the **Izhār** letters in **green**, the **Idghām** letters in **blue**, the **Iqlāb** letters in **purple** & the **Ikhfā** letters in **orange**.

خ	ح	ج	ث	ت	ب	أ
ص	ش	س	ز	ر	ذ	د
ق	ف	غ	ع	ظ	ط	ض
ي	ه	و	ن	م	ل	ك

Task 2: Fill in the gaps.

The word 'Ikhfā' means to ..... Whenever we have a Nūn Sākinah or ..... followed by any of these letters: .....  
....., we will make a light .....  
sound & hold for ..... counts.

By making light nasal sound, we are ..... the Nūn sound. In total, there are ..... letters for Ikhfā.

For Izhār, there are ..... letters, for Iqlāb there is ..... letter and for ..... there are 6 letters.