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Basic facts about surahs 1-30

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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahmeem

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh

This resource is intended to be family-friendly activity to facilitate the learning of basic facts about surahs 1-30 including their names in Arabic and English. Each surah has two questions to answer- what the title of the surah translates to in English and another question specific to that surah. The questions can be answered from memory and all of the answers can be found in the Qur'an. The answers are included in the second part of this resource. Feel free to print and share or republish, maintaining the document in it's current form. JazakAllahu khayran.

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The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The best among you (Muslims) are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it."

Narrated by `Uthman in Sahih al-Bukhari

'and He gives wisdom to whoever He will. Whoever is given wisdom has truly been given much good, but only those with insight bear this in mind.'

Al-Baqarah, ayah 269

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

Rabbi zidni 'ilma

My Lord, increase me in knowledge

Aameen

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Surah	Questions
<p>Al-Fatihah</p> <p>الفاتحة،</p> <p>1</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>When do we normally recite Surah Al-Fatihah daily?</p>
<p>Al-Baqarah</p> <p>البقرة</p> <p>2</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What are three topics addressed in Al-Baqarah?</p>
<p>Al-'Imran</p> <p>آل عمران</p> <p>3</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What does Allah say is better than all the things we desire in this life?</p>
<p>Al-Nisa'</p> <p>النساء</p> <p>4</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What kind of people does Allah tell us He does not like?</p>
<p>Al-Ma'idah</p> <p>المائدة</p> <p>5</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What will Jesus say he told the Christians?</p>

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<p>Al-An'am</p> <p>الأُنعام</p> <p>6</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>How many times will a good deed be credited?</p>
<p>Al-A'raf</p> <p>الأعراف</p> <p>7</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What does Allah describe as the best of all garments?</p>
<p>Al-Anfal</p> <p>الأَنْفال</p> <p>8</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>Which battle is described in this Al-Anfal?</p>
<p>Al-Tawbah</p> <p>التوبة،</p> <p>9</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What is different about Al-Tawbah compared to all other surahs in the Qur'an?</p>
<p>Yunus</p> <p>يونس</p> <p>10</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>Who was Yunus?</p>

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<p>Hud</p> <p>هود</p> <p>11</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>How many Prophets are mentioned in this surah?</p>
<p>Yusuf</p> <p>يوسف</p> <p>12</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What does Yusuf see in his dream?</p>
<p>Al-Rad</p> <p>الرعد</p> <p>13</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>Allah will not change the condition of a people unless they do what?</p>
<p>Ibrahim</p> <p>إبراهيم</p> <p>14</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What does Ibrahim ask for in his du'a?</p>
<p>Al-Hijr</p> <p>الحجر</p> <p>15</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What does Allah say the angels are brought down for?</p>

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<p>Al-Nahl</p> <p>النحل،</p> <p>16</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What did Iblees do to other communities to which Messengers were sent?</p>
<p>Al-Isra'</p> <p>الإسراء،</p> <p>17</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What actions does Allah describe as hateful to Him?</p>
<p>Al-Kahf</p> <p>الكهف</p> <p>18</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>Can you name two stories included in this surah?</p>
<p>Maryam</p> <p>مريم</p> <p>19</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What was the answer to Maryam's question of how she can have a son?</p>
<p>Ta Ha</p> <p>طه</p> <p>20</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>When does Allah say we should specifically praise Him?</p>

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<p>Al-Anbiya'</p> <p>الأنبياء</p> <p>21</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What did Yunus say, after which he was saved?</p>
<p>Al-Hajj</p> <p>الحج</p> <p>22</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What are the signs of the Day of Judgement mentioned in this Al-Hajj?</p>
<p>Al-Mu'minun</p> <p>المؤمنون</p> <p>23</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What are the six characteristics of believers mentioned in Al-Mu'minun?</p>
<p>Al-Nur</p> <p>النور</p> <p>24</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What should we do before entering into other people's houses?</p>
<p>Al-Furqan</p> <p>الفرقان</p> <p>25</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What happened to the people who were given messengers before but didn't believe?</p>

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<p>Al-Shu'ara'</p> <p>الشعراء</p> <p>26</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What did Allah tell Musa he should say to Pharaoh?</p>
<p>Al-Naml</p> <p>النمل</p> <p>27</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What did Allah make pleasing to those who do not believe in the hereafter, and why?</p>
<p>Al-Qasas</p> <p>القصص</p> <p>28</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>The story of which Prophet is told in Al-Qasas?</p>
<p>Al-'Ankabut</p> <p>العنكبوت</p> <p>29</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What great mercy does Allah say people who believe and do good deeds will get?</p>
<p>Al-Rum</p> <p>الروم</p> <p>30</p>	<p>What does the title of this surah mean?</p> <p>What did Allah place between spouses?</p>

Answers Below

Have you tried answering all the questions?

Have you read the Qu'ran to find the answers?

Can you write the surah name in Arabic under each transliteration?

Answers Below

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Al-Fatihah	<p>The Opening</p> <p>We recite Al-Fatihah during salah everyday.</p>
Al-Baqarah	<p>The Cow</p> <p>Prayer, fasting, pilgrimage, defense, martial law and finances are all addressed in surah Al-Baqarah.</p>
Al-'Imran	<p>The Family of Imran</p> <p>Allah says those who are mindful of Allah will be given Gardens graced with flowing streams, in ayat 14-15.</p>
Al-Nisa'	<p>The Women</p> <p>Allah tells us He does not like arrogant, boastful people, in ayat 36-38.</p>
Al-Ma'idah	<p>The Feast</p> <p>Allah tells us that Jesus will say "Worship God, my Lord and your Lord", in ayat 116-118.</p>

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Al-An'am	<p>Livestock</p> <p>In ayah 160 Allah says, 'Whoever has done (or brings to the Judgement) a good deed will have it ten times to his credit...'</p>
Al-Araf	<p>The Heights</p> <p>God-consciousness/taqwah is the best garment. In ayah 26 Allah tells us, 'Children of Adam, We have given you garments to cover your nakedness and as adornment for you; the garment God-consciousness is the best of all garments...'</p>
Al-Anfal	<p>The Spoils of War</p> <p>The Battle of Badr is commented on in this surah.</p>
Al-Tawbah	<p>Repentance</p> <p>This is the only surah that doesn't begin with 'Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem'.</p>
Yunus	<p>Jonah</p> <p>Yunus was a Prophet. The people he was sent to warn did not believe at first, but when he left them and they were faced with the consequences of disbelief, they begged for forgiveness and Allah forgave them. When he left, Yunus was swallowed by a giant fish, and then Allah saved him.</p>

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Hud	<p>Hud</p> <p>Nine Prophets are mentioned in this surah: Nuh, Hud, Saleh, Ibrahim, Ishaq, Ya'qub, Lot, Shuaib, and Musa, peace be upon them all.</p>
Yusuf	<p>Joseph</p> <p>Yusuf tells his father that he dreamt of eleven stars, and the sun and moon bowing before him.</p>
Al-Rad	<p>The Thunder</p> <p>Allah says He will not change the condition of a people unless they change what is in themselves in ayah 11.</p>
Ibrahim	<p>Abraham</p> <p>Ibrahim makes du'a asking to make his town safe, preserve him and his offspring from idolatry, for them to be provided with produce, to ensure they keep up the prayer, and for forgiveness for himself, his parents and the believers.</p>
Al-Hijr	<p>The Rocky Tract</p> <p>The angels are sent down to bring justice.</p>

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Al-Nahl	<p>The Bees</p> <p>Iblees made foul deeds seem alluring to other communities to which Messengers were sent.</p>
Al-Isra'	<p>The Night Journey</p> <p>Killing children, going near adultery, murder, going near an orphan's property without the best intentions, following blindly what you do not know to be true, and walking arrogantly are all listed as actions hateful to Allah. We should "give full measure when you measure", which is mentioned amongst this list in ayat 31-38.</p>
Al-Kahf	<p>The Cave</p> <p>This surah tells the stories of the companions in the cave, the two men, Musa and the man, and of Dhu'l-Qarnayn.</p>
Maryam	<p>Mary</p> <p>It is easy for Allah to make Maryam have a son without a father, and she is told that he will be a sign for all people.</p>
Ta Ha	<p>Ta Ha <i>(the Arabic letters)</i></p> <p>We should celebrate the praise of Allah before the rising and setting of the sun, during the night, and at the beginning and end of the day.</p>

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Al-Anbiya'	<p>The Prophets</p> <p>When Yunus was swallowed by the giant fish or whale, he said, "there is no god but Allah, Glory be to you. I was wrong." and then Allah saved him.</p>
Al-Hajj	<p>The Pilgrimage</p> <p>Some signs of the day of judgement are that nursing mothers will not care about their babies, pregnant women will miscarry, and people will appear drunk when they are not.</p>
Al-Mu'minun	<p>The Believers</p> <p>Believers are described as those who pray humbly, avoid ill speech, pay zakat, guard their chastity, keep their promises and maintain their salah.</p>
Al-Nur	<p>Light</p> <p>We should ask permission and greet the people inside before entering into other people's houses.</p>
Al-Furqan	<p>The Criterion</p> <p>The people who were given messengers before and disbelieved were destroyed.</p>

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Al-Shu'ara'	<p>The Poets</p> <p>Allah told Musa to tell Pharaoh, "We bring a message from the Lord of the Worlds: let the Children of Israel leave with us."</p>
Al-Naml	<p>The Ant</p> <p>Allah made the deeds of those who disbelieve in the hereafter pleasing to them so that they wander blindly.</p>
Al-Qasas	<p>The Story</p> <p>The story of Prophet Musa is told in this surah.</p>
Al-'Ankabut	<p>The Spider</p> <p>Allah says, in ayah 7, "We shall certainly blot out the misdeeds of those who believe and do good deeds, and We shall reward them according to the best of their actions."</p>
Al-Rum	<p>Byzantium</p> <p>Allah placed love and kindness (affection, mercy, etc) between spouses.</p>

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