

2 FIRST LISTENING

Now listen to the song and see how many of your words match the words in the song.

3 SECOND LISTENING

a) Look at the text for the song in handout #1. Can you guess which words go into the blanks?

b) Now listen and fill in the blanks.

c) Do the same for handout #2.

d) Do the same for handout #3.

HANDOUT 1

ا is for ALLAH, nothing but ALLAH

ب is for the _____ of bismillah

ت is for taqwa _____ of ALLAH, and

ث is for thawaab a _____

ج is for jannah the garden of _____, and

ح is haji the Blessed _____

خ is for khaatim the _____ of the Prophethood given to the Prophet Muhammed salla-ALLAHU alayhi wa sallam

د is for deen Al -Islam _____ with ALLAH since time began

ذ is for dhikr _____ ALLAH, and

ر is for the month of Ramadan, oh Ramadan

ز is for zakat to cure our greed when we _____ our money to those in need

س is for salam-u- alaykum _____ be with you, alaykum-u-salam

ش is for shams the shining _____ which ALLAH placed for everyone, and

ص is for salat for when we _____ facing Him everyday, facing him till we meet our Lord

HANDOUT 2

-	ALLAH there is only One God, and Muhammed is His Messsenger, ALLAH laa ilaaha il-ALLAH
ض	is for <u>duhaa</u> the morning _____ the sun has turned from red to white
ط	is for <u>tareeq</u> a _____ to walk upon and
ظ	is for <u>dhill</u> a _____ and
ع	is for <u>'ilm</u> the thing to know to make our _____ grow in Islam
غ	is for <u>ghayb</u> a world _____ and that we know is not a dream and
ف	is for the _____ Al-Faatihah and
ق	for the Qur'an the _____ of God and
ك	is for <u>kalimah</u> a _____ we are taught to teach us what is good and what is not and
ل	is for the beginning of laa ilaaha il-ALLAH
م	is for the Messenger _____-u-Rasool ALLAH

laa ilaaha il-ALLAH Muhammad-u-Rasool ALLAH,
ALLAH there is only One God and Muhammed is His Messenger,
ALLAH laa ilaaha il-ALLAH

HANDOUT 3

ن is for naum the _____ God gave to give us rest after the day

ه is for the hijra the _____ that the Prophet made and

و for wudu before we pray to help us _____ our sins away and

ي is for Yaum-u-Deen

ALLAH there is only One God and Muhammed is His Messenger,
ALLAH laa ilaaha il-ALLAH

ALLAH there is only One God and _____ was His Messenger,
ALLAH laa ilaaha il-ALLAH

ALLAH there is only One God and _____ was His Messenger,
ALLAH laa ilaaha il-ALLAH

ALLAH there is only One God and _____ was His Messenger,
ALLAH laa ilaaha il-ALLAH

ALLAH there is only One God and _____ was His Messenger,
ALLAH laa ilaaha il-ALLAH

ALLAH there is only One God and He created _____ and we are the children of Adam, ALLAH laa ilaaha il-ALLAH

Teacher's Notes

Aim:	To build vocabulary of Islamic terms in English
Type:	Listening practice
Level:	Elementary +
Time:	50 minutes
Preparation:	Set up audio equipment

NB: No musical instruments are used in the song

Yusuf Islam's song "A is for Allah" can be purchased and downloaded at <http://www.islamicmedia.com/mol.html>

or downloaded without payment for strictly educational purposes at http://12.248.199.71/yusuf_islam_music.html

1 PRE-LISTENING TASK:

Depending on the level of the class, the writing activity can take a lot of time. In a 50 minute period, try to confine the pre-listening activity to no more than 12 minutes.

2 FIRST LISTENING

- a) Play the song and get students to listen specifically for the Arabic words that correspond to each letter. Encourage students to compare their answers with their word lists in the pre-listening task.
- b) Elicit answers. Write up the words on whiteboard.

3 SECOND LISTENING

- a) a) Give out handout #1 and allow students a minute or two to try to guess some of the words (*Nb: The underlined words are direct translations of the blanked out words*)

- b) Now get students to listen to words that correspond to each blank. Stop the tape at the point where the handout ends
- c) Repeat procedure for handouts 2/3.

ANSWERS:

beginning
beware
reward
garden
pilgrimage
seal
religion
remembering
give
peace
sun
pray
light
path
shadow
knowledge
unseen
opening
book
word
Muhammad
sleep
journey
wash
Jesus
Moses
Abraham
Noah
Adam