



Chapter-4

Lecture-3

Day-3

Waqf Or Sign of Pause (Punctuation Marks)

Waqf means sign of Pause , sign of stopping, Punctuation Marks. Different kinds of Waqf are used to recite the Holy Quran correctly. Waqf is the pause between two breathings.

In early days, these signs were not given in the Holy Quran. The man Who used these signs for the first time was Abu Abdullah Muhammad Ibne Taifur.

Aim /Reason/ Importance of using Waqf

1. The aim of using " Waqf is to help someone who has no knowledge of Arabic.
2. To understand where to give a pause (coma) and where to stop.
3. Displaced stopping may cause distortion/change of the meaning.
4. To recite the Quran correctly.
5. To avoid wrong recitation and to correct the meaning of the Quran

Description of 'Waqf' or signs of pause

- '0' =This is called 'Waqf Tamm'. (Full stop).

This sign indicates the finishing of the sentence. We must stop where this sign is used, but if any other sign is seen on it, we shall act accordingly.

- ﷂ =This is called 'Waqf Lazim'. The reader must stop here, otherwise there is possibility of change of meaning.
- ط = This sign is called 'Waqf Mutlaq'. It is like comma. It indicates that a short break is better here.
- ج = It is called 'Waqf Jayez'. Here one may or may not stop, but stopping is the best thing to do.
- ز = It is called 'Waqf Muza Waz'. It is better not to stop here.
- ص = It is called "Waqf Murak-Khas". It is better not to pause here. But pause is permissible in case the reader's breath finishes.
- ق = Most of the experts say neat to give any pause or not to stop here.
- قف = Here stopping is better.
- لا = This signs says not to stop or break. One must not stop if the sign is in the middle of the sentence. But if this sign is on the full stop sign(round) at the end of the Ayat (sentence), one may stop.

Exercise

Short Questions

1. What is waqf?
2. Define waqf
3. Who was the first user of Waqf?
4. Who is the 1st person to use Waqf or sign of pause?
5. How many waqf sign are described in your book?
6. Which waqf indicates a short break?
7. What is the pause between two breathing?
8. What is the aim of using waqf?
9. How many waqf are there?
10. What is the symbol of waqf tamm?
11. What are the punctuation marks that we use while reciting the Quran called?
12. Write its two aims.

Fill in the blanks

1. Waqf help to understand where to give a pause and where to -----.
2. Displaced stopping may cause -----of the meaning.
3. The first user of waqf is-----.
4. The aim of -----is to help someone where to give pause
5. ja is called -----.
6. -----is called waqf lazim.

Broad Questions

1. Write the sign and rules of “Waqf Muza Waz”.
2. If “**ق**” sign is between two sentences what should you do?
3. Define the meaning of Waqf. Write down 5 aims of using Waqf in the Glorious Quran.
4. What is the reason behind start to use waqf in Quran? Who did start using waqf for the first time?
5. What is waqf? Which sign is called Waqf Mutlaq? What is its purpose?
6. Why shall we pause at Waqf lazim.
7. Why should we observe Waqf during reciting the Holy Quran?