

# LAHN

## What is Lahn (لحن)?

The word Lahn literally means ‘Incorrect pronunciation/mispronouncing’. In the Science of Qur'an Tajweed, Lahn can be described as two types:

- **Lahn Jalee (لحن جلي) –Explicit misreading) - major or obvious.**
- **Lahn Khafee (لحن خفي) –Implicit misreading) - minor or not obvious.**

### Lahn Jalee

To reciting the Qur'an whilst being guilty of Lahn Jalee is forbidden when a letter is clearly mispronounced as another letter and this considered a sin if done intentionally or careless, so that it can lead one to the brink of Kufr. One must learn to pronounce correctly as it also affects one daily Prayers when reciting Surah Al-Fatiha.

### Examples of Lahn Jalee

1- To replace a Jazm (Sukoon) with a Harakah e.g.	2- To make any addition to the words e.g.	3- To make omissions e.g.
To recite <b>أَوْحَى</b> as <b>أَوْحَى</b>	To recite <b>إِيَّاكَ</b> as <b>إِيَّاكَا</b>	To recite <b>إِنَّا</b> as <b>إِنَّ</b>
To recite <b>وَالْفَجْرِ</b> as <b>وَالْفَجْرِ</b>	To recite <b>أَعْبُدُ</b> as <b>أَعْبُدُو</b>	To recite <b>الَّذِي</b> as <b>الَّذِ</b>
To recite <b>تَجْرِي</b> as <b>تَجْرِي</b>	To recite <b>رَبِّ</b> as <b>رَبِّي</b>	To recite <b>فَقُولَا</b> as <b>فَقُلَا</b>
4- Not to pronounce the letters from their correct origins and their respective qualities e.g.	5- To replace a Harakah; with a Jazm (Sukoon) e.g.	
To recite <b>أَلْهَمْدُ</b> as <b>أَلْهَمْدُ</b>	To recite <b>أَنْعَمْتَ</b> as <b>أَنْعَمْتَ</b>	To recite <b>خَلَقَكَ</b> as <b>خَلَقَكَ</b>
To recite <b>يَرِثُ</b> as <b>يَرِسُ</b>	To recite <b>صَدَقَ</b> as <b>صَدَكَ</b>	To recite <b>سَرَقَ</b> as <b>سَرَقَ</b>
To recite <b>طَيْرَ</b> as <b>تَيْرَ</b>	To recite <b>إِيَّاكَ</b> as <b>إِيَّاكَ</b>	To recite <b>لَهُبَ</b> as <b>لَهُبَ</b>

(Qur'an, 9: 3) ﴿أَنَّ اللَّهَ بَرِيءٌ مِّنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ وَرَسُولُهُ﴾

In the above verse, if RasuluHu is read as Rasulahu then it changes meaning to a blasphemous one saying that Allah is free of polytheists and His Messenger! (As opposed to ...and so is His Messenger).

### Lahn Khafee

Reading the Qur'an whilst being guilty of Lahn Khafee is Makrooh (odious). It does not necessarily alter the meaning of the Qur'an. However, it does deprive the Holy Qur'an of its real elegance and beauty.

### Examples of Lahn Khafee:

To overlook the rules of the thick/full mouth (Tafkheem) letters and the thin/empty mouth (Tarqeeq) letters. (The letter ل Laam, ر Raa is some times pronounced thick and some times thin).

Not to adhere to the rules of Izhaar, Idghaam, Ikhfa, Qalqalah and Isti'laa in their respective places whilst reciting the Qur'an. Not to prolong a letter when a Madd is present.

Knowledge of Tajweed is fard al-kifyah, meaning the Muslim community must know it and its knowledge cannot be forsaken.