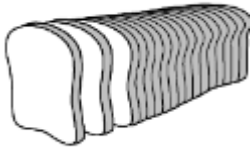


Lesson 2

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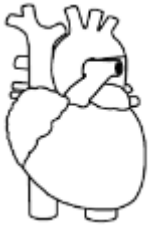
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What are these signs which you find above the letters? They represent vowels. There are two systems of vowels in Syriac namely the Dot System or East Syriac vowel system and the Greek System or the West Syriac vowel system. The vowels are placed above or below the letters. Look at the vowels given above the letters.



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West Syriac Vowel Signs

ⲁ	a	അ, ആ	Ⲁ
Ⲃ	e	എ, ഏ	Ⲅ
ⲃ	o	ഒ, ഓ	Ⲇ
Ⲅ	i	ഇ, ഇയ	Ⲉ
ⲅ	u	ഉ, ഉയ	Ⲋ

East Syriac Vowel Signs and Letters

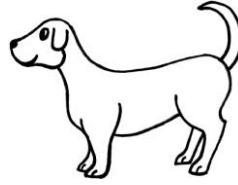
ⲁ̇	a (short)	അ	ⲁ̇
ⲁ̈	a (long)	ആ	ⲁ̈
Ⲃ̇	e (short)	എ	Ⲃ̇
Ⲃ̈	e (long)	ഏ	Ⲃ̈
ⲃ̇	i	ഇ, ഇയ	ⲃ̇
ⲃ̈	u	ഉ, ഉയ	ⲃ̈
Ⲅ̇	o	ഒ, ഓ	Ⲅ̇

ⲁ̇ Ⲃ̇ ⲃ̇ Ⲅ̇

Read the syllables



رُزِفَ رُزِفَ رُزِفًا



دُفَلَا فُلِحَ فُلِحًا



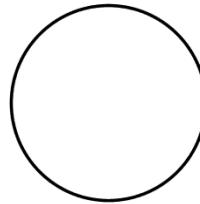
كَلَيْلٌ كَلَيْلٌ كَلَيْلًا



سُكَلِمَ سُكَلِمَ سُكَلِمًا



كَلَيْلٌ كَلَيْلٌ كَلَيْلًا



سُكَلِمَ سُكَلِمَ سُكَلِمًا

Read the following words



أَوْحًا



حَصًّا



لَوْحًا



كُلْمًا



حَسًّا



كَحْلًا



صَوًّا



سَدًّا



رُكَّعًا



مَلِكًا



- ❖ If all the letters in a word are vowelled, all except the last one is pronounced long.
eg:- آتُوبُوا أَتُّوبُوا
- ❖ If any one of the letters **ح** is prefixed to a word which begins with a vowelled **ا** the vowel sound goes to the prefix.
eg:- حَاتِلًا
- ❖ Vowelless final **ه** is silent.
Eg مَلِكُهُ

Read the following words



حَدًا

سَدًا



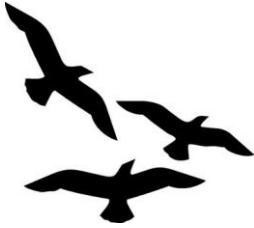
Here **ح** has two different pronunciation.

The six letters **ح** have two different articulations: the hard called **Kusaya** indicated by a dot placed above the letters, and the soft, called **Rukakha** indicated by a dot below.



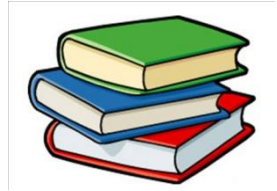
A small line given below or above a letter shows that, the particular letter is not pronounced. e.g. اُتَا

Note the following words



رُبُوعَاتُ

مَلِكَاتُ



What are the two horizontal dots placed above these words? They are called 'Syome'.

Syome (Ribui) are two horizontal dots (¨) placed above the words to denote the plural number: as in مَحَدَاتُ = names. When a word contains the letter ى, the dot over the ى usually is made to coalesce with one of the plural dots. Eg. قُمَّلٌ



II.A. Write two words each, which contain Kusaya and Rukakha

II. B. Apply all the vowels to the following letters. Follow the example.

كُ كٌ كَ كِ
 ا ك ا ك ا ك ا ك
 م ك م ك م ك م ك

II. C. Find out letters with the vowels ـُ ـُ ـِ ـِ and ـِ from the following words

مَعْنَا حَمْدًا نَسَبْنَا لَكُنَّا مُحَدِّثًا نَهْنَأُ

II. D. See the picture and find the missing vowels:



كَمَلًا



رَحَمًا



أَمَلًا



حَطًا



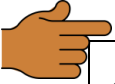
نَهْنَأُ



مُحَدِّثًا

II. E. Five pairs of words are given below. Only one in each pair is correct.
Choose the correct word.

مُهًا	مُهًا
مَلًا	مَلًا
مَلًا	مَلًا
مَلًا	مَلًا
مَلًا	مَلًا



❖ Generally the vowel َ- is followed by the letter َ and
vowel َ- by the letter َ.

Example

مُهًا وَمُهًا

❖ The exceptions are

مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا

❖ In certain words the vowels َ and َ follow the letters َ and َ respectively and in that case these letters are not pronounced

Example

مَلًا مَلًا

Read the following

مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا
مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا
مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا
مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا مَلًا