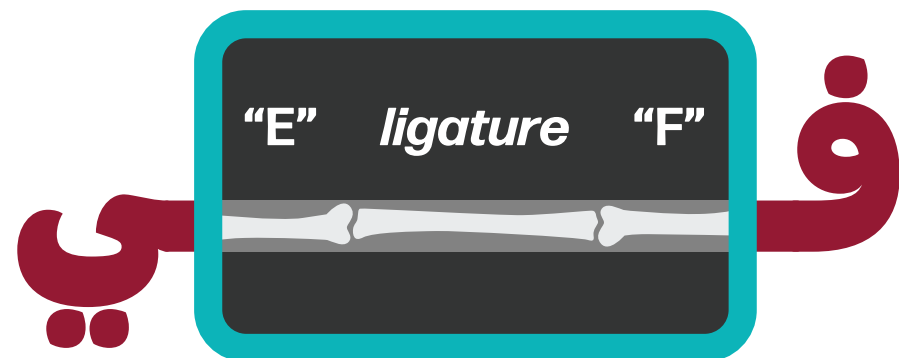


Arabic *Ligatures*

Ligatures are letters combined to form a single letter set. In English, they are used stylistically; however, in

Arabic, there are necessary ligatures (Linguistic Ligatures) and stylistic ones (Combined Forms).



Linguistic ligature

To learn more Arabic stylistic ligatures, check out these flashcards



Arabic *المحروفات التركيبية* Ligatures *العربية*

An exploration of the connections between Arabic letters in writing

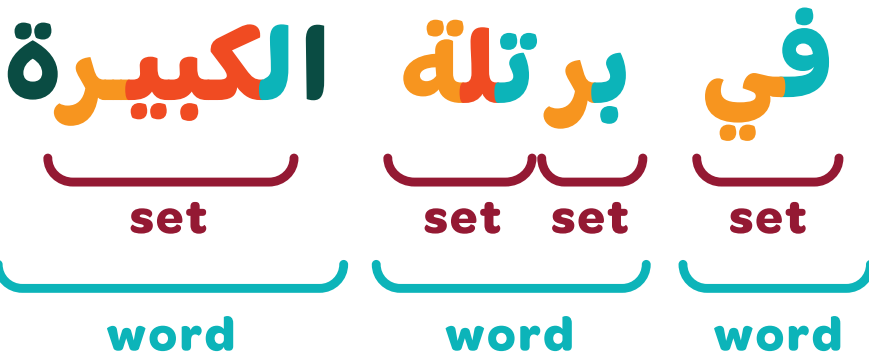


The Arabic Alphabet Linguistic Ligatures

Linguistic *Ligatures*

These are the traditional ligatures that connect letters into sets and those sets make up words. Each letter can

have four forms, but some only have two. What form the letter appears in depends on where it falls within a set.



- 0 **Isolated** Letter standing alone
- 1 **Initial** Letter at beginning of a set
- 2 **Medial** Letter between 2 letters*
- 3 **Final** Letter at end of a set

*Medial Form has to have a letter in Initial or Medial form come before it, and it has to be followed by a letter in Final or Medial form.

3	2	1	0
ا	ا	ا	ا
ب	ب	ب	ب
ت	ت	ت	ت
ث	ث	ث	ث
ج	ج	ج	ج
ح	ح	ح	ح
خ	خ	خ	خ
د	د	د	د
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ
ر	ر	ر	ر
ز	ز	ز	ز
س	س	س	س
ش	ش	ش	ش
ص	ص	ص	ص
ض	ض	ض	ض

3	2	1	0
ط	ط	ط	ط
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ
ع	ع	ع	ع
غ	غ	غ	غ
ف	ف	ف	ف
ق	ق	ق	ق
ك	ك	ك	ك
ل	ل	ل	ل
م	م	م	م
ن	ن	ن	ن
ه	ه	ه	ه
ة	ة	ة	ة
و	و	و	و
ي	ي	ي	ي



Stylistic *Ligatures*

Also called, combined forms, are the nontraditional ligatures. They combine letters differently than

traditional ligatures, giving them a flare. They have a variety of aesthetic and practical purposes.



Save space by stacking letters

Create a better writing flow.

