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| **Standard Arabic Consonantal1 Phonemes** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | Bilabial | Labiodental | Interdental | Dental-alveolar | | Postalveolar | Palatal | Velar | Uvular | Pharyngeal | Glottal |
| Plain**2** | Emphatic**3** |
| Plosive | Voiceless | b    بـ |  |  | t    ت | t      ط |  |  | k    کـ | q    قـ |  | '      ا |
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| Fricative | Voiceless | f**8**    فـ | f    فـ | th    ثـ | s    سـ | s    صـ | sh    شـ |  | kh    خـ |  | h     حـ | h    هـ |
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| Nasal |  | m    مـ |  |  | n     نـ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lateral |  |  |  |  | l     لـ | l**7**     لـ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**1** Long consonants (indicated with a *chadda* ّ) are pronounced like short ones but are held a little longer, being neither stronger nor emphatic.

**2** Make your tongue narrower and raise the back of your tongue, keeping the tip of your tongue behind your lower teeth, except for "r".

**3** Make your tongue broader to cover your side teeth, and lower the back of your tongue.

**4** Egyptian and southern Yemeni dialects. **5** Omani dialect. Sounds like "y".

**6** Some North African speakers. **7** Sometimes for the divine name ﷲ. **8** Some speakers.