

Choosing an Online Quran Teacher for Kids: the 12-point checklist

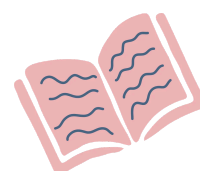
Twelve things to check before you choose a Quran teacher for your child, and eight questions to ask in the trial lesson. Tick what you can confirm; two or more empty boxes is a reason to keep looking.



- ☐ **1. Tajweed qualification.** The teacher has a recognised Tajweed certificate or an ijazah, and can show it.
- ☐ **2. Trained to teach children.** They have taught your child's age group before and know how to keep a 6-year-old engaged for 25 minutes.
- ☐ **3. One-to-one lessons.** Your child gets the teacher's full attention, not a seat in a group of ten.
- ☐ **4. Lesson length that fits the age.** About 25 minutes for ages 4 to 8, up to 45 minutes for older children.
- ☐ **5. Reading before memorization.** The teacher checks reading and Tajweed first, and starts hifz only when reading is comfortable.
- ☐ **6. A review system.** Old surahs are revised in every lesson, not only new ones learned.
- ☐ **7. Explanation in your family's language.** The teacher can explain in English, French or Arabic as your child needs.
- ☐ **8. Progress reports.** You get a short note after lessons and a monthly report of what was learned and revised.
- ☐ **9. A free trial.** You can watch a real lesson before paying anything.
- ☐ **10. No long lock-in.** Monthly payment, and you can stop whenever you need to.
- ☐ **11. Background checks.** The school checks its teachers' identity and references as standard.
- ☐ **12. Your child likes them.** After the trial, your child wants to come back. This matters more than any certificate.

● Questions to ask in the trial lesson

- 1. How do you start with a child who cannot read Arabic yet?
- 2. What does a typical 25-minute lesson look like, minute by minute?
- 3. How do you correct a mistake without discouraging a shy child?



4. How often do you revise what was memorized last month?
5. What will my child be able to recite after three months?
6. How will I know what happened in each lesson?
7. What happens if we need to pause for a month?
8. Can I sit in on the first lessons?

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