

5. BASIC UNIT OF WRITING

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Basic unit of writing = character.

Characters represent either:

- Phonological entities - Vowel / Consonant / Syllable
- Morphological entities - Words

Basic characters can be differentiated by markers, that can change their meaning or their phonetic value (sound). We call these markers diacritical sounds.

■ ر = r; ز = z
 ■ ك = k; گ = g
 ■ ل = l; ل = w

Unvocalised alphabets can be turned into vocalised one by adding signs indicating the vowels

الْمَدِينَة = al-Madīnah = الْمَدِينَة



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