

## 5368 - Rulings of al-Madd in Qur'aan recitation

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### the question

Would please tell me what the symbol

“~” has effect on the meaning of word or phrase of the holy Quran

If some one does not Prolong the sound of the letter under “~”

would that change the meanings ?

### Detailed answer

This symbol “~” is used to indicate places where a Madd

(elongation) that is longer than the regular elongation is required. It is used in places

where the Madd is compulsory (Madd laazim), as in the word “At-Taammah “, where

the elongation is six harakaat or counts. One harakah is equal to the time taken to curl

or stretch one finger. This symbol is also used for al-Madd al-Muttasal (where a long

vowel is followed by a hamzah in one word), such as “sawaa’un ‘alaynaa “, where

the Madd is between four and six harakaat. And it is used for al-Madd al-Munfassal, (where

one word ends with a long vowel and is immediately followed by a word that starts with a

hamzah), as in the phrase “fee aadhaaninaa waqar “, where the Madd is four or

five harakaat.

This symbol does not have any effect on the meanings of the words; it is only used to

indicate some kinds of Madds or elongations, as explained above. The Madd which is longer

than the regular elongation (two harakaat) does not change the meaning when you do it.

But

we have to follow the Sunnah of recitation, and the Prophet

(peace and blessings of

Allaah be upon him) used to elongate some vowels in his recitation. And Allaah knows best.