



## The characteristics of letters.



**As-sifaat: الصفات** are the attributes or characteristics of letters.

There are two categories of Sifaat:

صِفَاتٌ لَّازِمَةٌ (attached attributes)

صِفَاتٌ عَرَضِيَّةٌ (presented or occasional attributes)

There are also two types of Sifaat:

صِفَاتٌ لَهَا ضِدٌّ (Attributes that have opposites)

صِفَاتٌ لَا ضِدَّ لَهَا (Attributes that do not have opposites)

**there are five pairs of opposite characteristics, and every letter in the Arabic language has at least five characteristics, one of each of the pairs. No letter can have both of the opposite characteristics.**



The first pair of is The Whisper, **الهمس** defined linguistically as: the concealment

The applied definition of this characteristic is: Running on of breath when pronouncing the letter due to weakness in its origin, when weakening reliance on the letter at its articulation point of origin.

This means that when any of the letters that have the characteristic of **الهمس** there is a flow of breath as it is pronounced.

The letters that have this characteristic are the letters found in the group

**فحثة شخص سكت**



**Al-Jahr: الجهر** is to completely imprison or block the running of breath when pronouncing the remaining letters of Arabic.

Imprisonment of running on of breath when pronouncing a letter due to strength in its origin when strengthening reliance on it at its articulation point.

**Its letters: The rest of the Arabic alphabet**