

اللغة العربية

«جَدَّة»



Question

What is the correct spelling and pronunciation of the word *Jeddah* (the city in KSA)?

What should be the vowel on **جـ** ?

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



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All the authorities on Arabic mention that the *jīm* in this word has *dammah*,

i.e. *Juddah* جُدَّة.

But people mostly say جَدَّة *Jaddah*, or جِدَّة *Jiddah*.

There was a debate in the press long ago (about forty years ago) on this point. Some maintained that it is only *Juddah*, and others said that the *jīm* may have one of the three vowels.

But as I said earlier, Arabic dictionaries mention only جُدَّة .

Note that in some editions of the Madinah Book (for example: Book 1, Lesson 22) this name appears with a *kasrah*. It is a typographical error.

In other editions it is correctly typed with *dammah*.

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