



Ayaat Foundation's
Ayaat Sunnah Program

Level One

Glossary



People & Honorifics

[1] **Subhanahu wa ta'ala.** *Abbreviated:* SWT

سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى

– A Phrase meaning “Glorified and Exalted is He,” used after mentioning Allah to show reverence, praise, and His perfection above all shortcomings.

[2] **Sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam.** *Abbreviated:* SAW

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

– “Peace and blessings be upon him.” A phrase said after mentioning the Prophet Muhammad SAW.

[3] **Radiya Allahu ‘anhu,** *Abbreviated:* RA

رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

– “May Allah be pleased with him.” A phrase used after mentioning a Companion of the Prophet SAW.

Female Companions: radiya Allahu ‘anha, رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, *Abbreviated:* RA

Dual (two) Companions: radiya Allahu ‘anhuma, رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا, *Abbreviated:* RA

Plural Companions: radiya Allahu ‘anhum, رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ, *Abbreviated:* RA

[4] **Companion**

صَحَابِي

– A person who lived during the time of the Prophet SAW, believed in him, and died as a Muslim. Scholars differ on whether it is necessary for the person to have met the Prophet SAW to be considered a Companion.

Islamic Terms

[5] **Hadeeth**

حَدِيث

– A narration that reports what the Prophet SAW said, did, approved of, or prohibited. It helps Muslims understand Islam beyond the Qur’an.

[6] **Taqwa**

التَّقْوَى

– Being conscious of Allah in all situations by doing what He commands and staying away from what He forbids.

[7] **Obligation**

الْفَرِيضَةُ / الْوَجِب

– A religious duty that a Muslim is required to fulfill, such as prayer or fasting.



[8] **Tawheed**

التَّوْحِيدُ

– The belief that Allah alone is the only one worthy of worship, with no partners or equals.

[9] **Repentance**

التَّوْبَةُ

– Returning to Allah after sinning by feeling regret, stopping the sin, and committing not to return to it.

[10] **Istighfar**

الِاسْتِغْفَارُ

– Asking Allah to forgive your sins, often by saying “Astaghfirullah” (I seek Allah’s forgiveness).

[11] **Du’a**

الدُّعَاءُ

– Supplication or personal prayer: asking Allah for help, guidance, forgiveness, or blessings.

[12] **Dhikr**

الدِّكْرُ

– Remembering Allah by mentioning Him with the tongue and heart through phrases like “Subhanallah,” “Alhamdulillah,” or “Allahu Akbar.” It can be done silently or aloud and brings peace, reward, and closeness to Allah.

[13] **Intention**

النِّيَّةُ

– The purpose in your heart behind an action: what you aim for or hope to achieve by doing it.

[14] **Sincerity**

الإِخْلَاصُ

– Doing something only to please Allah, without seeking praise, reward, or attention from others.

[15] **Hypocrisy**

النَّفَقَاقُ

– Pretending to be righteous or faithful while hiding disbelief, bad intentions, or opposite actions.

[16] **Fasting**

الصَّيَامُ

– Abstaining from food, drink, and certain actions from dawn until sunset (Fajr prayer until Maghrib Prayer), with the intention of worshipping Allah. It is one of the five pillars of Islam and teaches self-control, gratitude, and spiritual discipline.



Texts & Sources

[17] **Riyadh Al-Saliheen**

رِيَاضُ الصَّالِحِينَ

– A selection of hadeeth compiled by Imam Yahya ibn Sharaf An-Nawawi. It is one of the most widely known and read books of hadeeth all over the world, containing approximately 1,900 carefully chosen hadeeth on ethics, manners, worship, knowledge, and other topics compiled from the Six Books of hadeeth. It is practical and accessible to Muslims of all levels (*definition taken from sunnah.com*).

[18] **An-Nawawi's 40 Hadeeth**

الْأَرْبَعُونَ النَّوَوِيَّةَ

– A famous compilation of 40 key hadeeths selected by Imam Yahya ibn Sharaf An-Nawawi, focusing on essential teachings of Islam.