Practice sheet

Read your first Arabic words

1 What you learned

بَ	ا	ث	ت	ب
fatha	**alif**	**thaa**	**taa**	**baa**
a short a	long a	th as in think	t	b
the small sail	*after a fatha*	*three dots above*	*two dots above*	*one dot below*

2 Read aloud

← *start on the right*

ثَا	تَا	بَا	ثَ	تَ	بَ
تَ	بَا	ثَ	تَا	بَ	ثَا
ثَا	ثَ	تَا	تَ	بَا	بَ

Short or long? Keep بَ short and بَا twice as long.

3 Read each word

cover the meanings first

بَابَا	**baabaa** *daddy*	بَاب	**baab** *a door, a gate*
ثَبَتَ	**thabata** *he stood firm*	تَابَ	**taaba** *he turned back*
بَاتَ	**baata** *he stayed the night*	ثَابَ	**thaaba** *he came back*

4 Circle every ث

count the dots

ب ث ت ث ب ت ت ث ب ث ت ث ب

How many did you find? _____

5 Trace, then write

← *write from the right*

baa					ب
taa					ت
thaa					ث
alif					ا

Now two words

بَاب ثَبَتَ

6 Match each word to its meaning

draw a line

he came back	بَابَ
daddy	تَابَ
he stood firm	بَابَا
a door	ثَابَ
he stayed the night	ثَبَتَ
he turned back	بَاتَ

7 Add the dots

one boat, three letters

ـا ـا ـا

taa baa thaa

Answers *4: four. 6: he came back* تَابَ *· daddy* بَابَا *· he stood firm* ثَبَتَ *· a door* بَاب *· he stayed the night* بَاتَ *· he turned back* تَابَ *7:* ث *three above ·* ب *one below ·* ت *two above*