

Before we pray, we call out the *adhaan*.

We know then that the prayer will start in a few minutes, so we have time to get ready.

If we need to make *wudhoo* we can make it then.



But just before we pray, we call out the *iqaamah*.

What is the *iqaamah*?¹

The *iqaamah* is the sign that the prayer is just about to start.



¹ Refer to *al mulakh-khas* of Shaykh al Fawzaan p101

People will be standing up in lines getting ready to pray.

What do we say when we call out the *iqaamah*?



If you have learned what to say when you call out the *adhaan*, then you won't find it difficult to learn the *iqaamah* inshaa Allaah.



Firstly, we say *Allaahu akbar* 2 times.

الله أكبر

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Then we say *ash hadu an laa ilaaha ill Allaah* one time.

Then we say *ash hadu anna Muhammadan rasool ullaah* 1 time.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Then we say *hayya- 'alaas salaah* 1 time.

حَيِّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ

Then we say *hayya- 'alaal falaah* 1 time.

حَيِّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ

Then we say something which is different from the *adhaan*.

We say *qad qaamat is salaah* 2 times.

We are telling the people that we are now going to pray.

قَدْ قَامَتِ الصَّلَاةُ
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Then we say *Allaahu akbar* 2 times.

Then we finish by saying *laa ilaaha ill Allaah* once.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

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لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

When people hear the *iqaamah*, they stand up to pray.

They know it is now time to pray.

GET READY!

They stand in a line with their feet touching the feet of the people on each side of them.

They touch their ankle next to the ankle of the person next to them.

Do you know what your ankle is?



They touch their shoulder next to the shoulder of the person next to them.



Being close to people in prayer like this makes us feel happy to be with these people.



Being close to people in the prayer like this stops Shaytaan from making us feel angry or annoyed with these people.

We are all getting ready to pray to Allaah.

He is the One who made all of us.

So He is the only One we pray to.



Revision:

- Can you remember what we say when we call out the *adhaan*?
- Are we allowed to call out the *adhaan* even if we are praying by ourselves in our room?

Homework for next time!

- When we pray, we move our bodies in a special way. Do you know how we move our bodies?
- For example, do we bow down?
- Do we lie down?

Key points for teachers:

The teacher may wish to mention that:

- The *iqaamah* is called out in a quicker manner than the *adhaan*, since it is an announcement to those present that the prayer is about to be prayed. So there is no need to say it in a relaxed manner.²
- The *imam* leading the prayer gives the indication as to when the *iqaamah* is to be said.
- Although the children should be getting physically and mentally ready for the prayer anyway, the *iqaamah* is the sign to the children that any playing and talking needs to stop and that they should be lining up and focussing on the prayer which they are about to offer.
- The *iqaamah* is similar to, but not the same as the *adhaan*. So highlighting the difference between the two will *inshaa Allah* help the child to remember both.
- It is permissible for the *iqaamah* to be called by someone other than the person who called the *adhaan*.

² Refer to *al mulakh-khas* of Shaykh al Fawzaan p101