

## **Etiquettes of Listening to or Reading the Holy Quran (Q&As) From Askimam.org**

**Question:** Is it permissible to listen to the Qur'an (audio tapes, etc.) when involved in other activities (assignments, reading, etc.)?

**Answer:** When the Qur'aan is recited, it is compulsory to listen attentively. It is not permissible to play an audio tape of the recitation of the Qur'aan while engaged in other activities. That diverts one's attention from listening to the Qur'aan.

and Allah Ta'ala Knows Best

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**Question:** I want to know that listening Quran from recorded cassettes will give one the reward of listening. According to the Ayah of Surah Aaraf (204)

**Answer:** The Qur'aan as played on an audio cassette does not hold the same status as a live recitation. Hence, the reward will not be the same.

However, whilst the cassette is being played, the recitation should be accorded some respect. Either listen to the recitation or switch it off altogether.

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**Question:** I live in an apartment with thin walls. My friend says I shouldn't play Quran because he can hear the recitation in his room and he will be sinning if he didn't pay attention. What should I do?

**Answer:** Allah Ta'ala says in an Aayat of the noble Qur'aan, ?And when the Qur'aan is being recited then listen attentively to it, and be silent so that mercy be shown on you.?

(A'raaf Aayat 204)

It is not correct for you to play the Qur'aan in such environment wherein people are involved in other works because this results in disrespect being shown towards Qur'aan. (Ma'ariful Qur'aan part4 pg.164). You should, therefore, play the Qur'aan in such a manner that only you can hear or may be you could possibly make use of earphones.

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**Question:** Can a female pray, or listen verses from Quran-e-Pak without covering her head.

**Answer:** One should display respect when listening to the Qur'aan. That includes a female covering her head.

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**Question:** What are the adaabs of reading Quran? How should you sit, how should you hold the Quran etc, etc. can you keep Quran on your lap or should you hold in your hands? can the knees be above the Quran level? Jazakallah

**Answer:** One should sit in a respectful manner on the ground. It is best to place the Qur'aan on a low table. If this is not available, hold the Qur'aan in one's hands. It is against etiquette to place it on one's lap.

If the Qur'aan is on a low table, then there is no harm if the knees are slightly higher than the Qur'aan.

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**Question:** What is the proper way of reading Quran..?

**Answer:** There is no need to have Wudhu to merely recite the Quran without touching it. If one wishes to recite the Quran by also holding it, then Wudhu is necessary.

There is no specific direction to face while reciting the Quran. However it is advisable to face the Qibla while reciting the Quran. In principle when one engages himself in any form of ibaddah (at any time day or night) it is advisable to dress respectfully. That includes wearing a topee (head cap).

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**Question:** When you come across a Sajdah Ayaat in the Quraan, whilst listening to it on tape, do you have to perform a sajdah Tilawat?

**Answer:** Respected Brother-in-Islam

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There is no Sajdah Tilaawat when the Aayat of Sajdah is heard on tape.

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**Question:** Can we hold and recite Quran without Wudhu wearing gloves?

**Answer:** It is not permissible to hold the Qur'aan with gloves on the hands but without

Wudhu.

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