

## Mathematical Analyses of Textual Excellency of the Holy Qur'an: A Case Study of Fifteen Short Surahs

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### ABSTRACT:

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This study quantitatively examines the textual efficiency and richness of the Qur'an by analyzing fifteen short surahs (al-Fātiḥah and the last fourteen chapters) and comparing them with their translations into English and Bangla languages. Using three measurable parameters—word count, letter count, and unique-letter usage per *āyah*—the research evaluates structural density across languages. The Arabic text of the Qur'an consistently demonstrates remarkable semantic compactness, requiring fewer words and letters that demand expansions in the two translations. The English translation shows an average increase of nearly double in word and letter counts, while Bangla translation expands more moderately but, still exceeds the Arabic Original. These findings highlight the Qur'an's competence to achieve maximum expressive powers with minimal linguistic inputs, underscoring the divine wisdom behind the choice of Arabic as the language of revelation.

**KEYWORDS:** The Qur'an, Quantitative studies of the Qur'an, Arabic language, Word count analysis, Linguistic density, English translation of the Qur'an, Bangla translation of the Qur'an.

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## 1. Introduction

Let us begin with the first part of the *Kalimah al-Tayyibah* (The Pure Word), which can also be found in Surah *Al-Ṣaffāt* (Q. 37:35) and Surah *Muḥammad* (Q. 47:19)—the only two places in the Qur'an where this exact phrase occurs:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

*There is no God except Allah*

আল্লাহ ছাড়া কোনো উপাস্য নেই

This phrase provides a concise and yet powerful example for analyzing the structural efficiency of Qur'anic Arabic. In the original Arabic, the text is composed of three unique letters, *Alif*, *Lām*, and *Hā'*. The total number of letters is 12, arranged into four words. In English translation, the phrase expands to 15 unique letters (t, h, e, r, i, s, n, o, g, d, x, c, p, a, l), 23 total letters, and six words. In Bangla translation, it is composed of 11 unique letters (আ, ল, হ, ছ, ড়, ক, ন, উ, প, স, ই). The total letters no is 13 and there are five words.

These values are summarized in Table 1, which shows how both English and Bangla translations require a higher number of unique letters, total letters, and words compared to the Qur'anic Arabic. Specifically, English uses nearly five times more unique letters, 1.92 times more total letters, and 1.50 times more words. On the other hand, Bangla, though more compact than English, still requires 3.67 times more unique letters, 1.08 times more total letters, and 1.25 times more words than in Arabic.

Table 1. Comparative structural features of the phrase *lā ilāha illā Allāh* (Q. 37:35; 47:19) in Qur'anic Arabic and its English and Bangla translations.

Language	Original Text and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Comparison		
<b>Qur'anic Arabic</b>	لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ	3	12	4	--	--	--
<b>English</b>	There is no God except Allah	15	23	6	5.00	1.92	1.50
<b>Bangla</b>	আল্লাহ ছাড়া কোনো উপাস্য নেই	11	13	5	3.67	1.08	1.25

This example highlights that Qur'anic Arabic has a greater textural efficiency, conveying profound meaning with fewer letters and words. English and Bangla have to structurally expand to approximate or to uphold the same message. Therefore, the purpose of this research is to examine and quantify the textural efficiency of Qur'anic Arabic in comparison with its

translations. It will try to fulfill that by analyzing the parameters- unique letters, total letters, and word counts.

## 2. Contextual Foundation

Qur'anic studies in the fields of theology, law, history, and sharia have already matured into well-established disciplines. Theological sides have long examined the nature of God, prophecy, and divine status; legal studies have explored the foundations of jurisprudence and their implementations in sharia; and historical approaches have traced the revelation, compilation, and evolving contextual significances of the Qur'an. On the other hand, researches on the Qur'an through the lenses of mathematics, linguistics, and computational sciences remain at a comparatively early stage. The current study stands on the reality of this relatively new era in Qur'anic studies, and is trying to analyze the Qur'an's text in a possible way previously unexplored. Such a research may generate additional insights into the Qur'an's linguistic structure, conciseness, and singularity.

The Qur'an itself affirms its divine protection: *“Indeed, it is We who sent down the Reminder [i.e., the Qur'an], and indeed, We will be its Guardian”* (Q. 15:9). It also acknowledges the choice of Arabic as its language of revelation. Numerous verses highlight this divine selection:

- *“Indeed, We have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an so that you may understand”* (Q. 12:2).
- *“And, so, We have revealed to you a Qur'an in Arabic, so that you may warn the Mother of Cities and everyone around it...”* (Q. 42:7).
- *“An Arabic Qur'an, without any deviance, that they might become righteous”* (Q. 39:28).
- *“If it had been a Qur'an in a foreign language... Say, ‘It is, for those who believe, a guidance and cure...’”* (Q. 41:44).
- *“This is a Book confirming it in the Arabic tongue...”* (Q. 46:12).
- *“The tongue of the one, they refer to, is foreign, and this Qur'an is in a clear Arabic tongue”* (Q. 16:103).

These verses collectively affirm that Arabic was divinely chosen, not only for its accessibility to the Prophet's immediate community but also for its inherent suitability as the language of the Qur'an. The seventh-century Arabic possessed an unparalleled eloquence, expressiveness, and clarity. Poetry and oratory flourished in pre-Islamic Arabia (Kassab 2009; Nasser 2025), and Arabic's vast vocabulary, rhythmic flexibility, and semantic depth enabled the Qur'an to communicate with power and precision (Erdy 2025). Its stylistic and rhetorical qualities left even the most accomplished

poets unable to produce anything comparable, reinforcing its miraculous nature (Messaoudi et al. 2025). Arabic structural precision allows layers of meaning to be condensed into a fewer words (Boulesnam & Boucetti 2025), a feature indispensable for a text intended as a timeless guidance. Through Arabic, the Qur'an became both a perfectly memorized oral text and a meticulously preserved written scripture, unchanged for more than fourteen centuries—an enduring testimony to divine wisdom.

Globally, there are approximately 7,159 languages in use today (Eberhard et al. 2025). Many languages evolve and change across centuries, making it difficult to quantify the true number of languages that have existed since the beginning of human civilization (Janda & Joseph 2017). Yet, the Qur'an has played a crucial role in ensuring Arabic's preservation. Unlike many other languages that underwent dramatic structural shifts, Qur'anic Arabic remains substantially identical to its original form, safeguarded through both oral recitation and the written *mushaf*.

This study contributes to Qur'anic linguistics by analyzing textual richness using some measurable parameters: unique letters, letters, and words. Specifically, it examines fifteen short surahs of the Qur'an and compares them to their translations in English and Bangla. These two languages were chosen for their global and regional significances: English, with approximately 380 million native speakers (third mostly spoken worldwide), and Bangla, with about 237 million native speakers (sixth mostly spoken) (Babbel 2023). Also, it is not possible to compare all the languages under the current context, and yet, it may open the doors of more identical studies.

### 3. Literature Review

The Qur'an, with roughly 77,000 words, is notably shorter than the New Testament (about 138,000 words) and the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (about 305,000 words). Despite this, it is dense in meaning, employing a style optimized for recitation and memorization (Jom al-Qur'an n.d.). Behnam Sadeghi's (2011) research demonstrated that measurable linguistic features, such as verse length, mean word length, and variances in word length, vary systematically across the Qur'an, with shorter, more compact verses dominating in some passages and longer, more elaborate verses characterizing in other segments (Sadeghi & Bergmann 2010). Such work highlights that the quantitative metrics can effectively capture Qur'anic stylistic density and development, aligning to the present study's focus on letters, words, and unique letters as markers of semantic compactness.

Studies of Dukes and Habash (2010), Dukes et al. (2010), and Dukes and

Buckwalter (2010) revealed that the Qur'an's approximately 77,430 words form a unique genre, with each word often morphologically complex, composed of stems, prefixes, and suffixes. This morphological richness enables Arabic to pack multiple layers of meaning into single words, explaining why translations require more words and letters to approximate the same semantic contents.

Halim Sayoud's computational researches (Sayoud, 2018; 2022; Sayoud & Hadjadj 2018) further underscored the Qur'an's uniqueness. Sayoud found that the Qur'an exhibits extraordinarily high frequencies of successive function words, averaging 27 times higher than in the *ḥadīth* corpus and 11 times higher than in other Arabic religious works. These findings confirm the Qur'an's distinctive stylistic signatures within Arabic literature, complementing evidences from translation comparisons: while translations expand in size, the Qur'an remains compact, rhythmically precise, and semantically powerful.

Other quantitative studies have added further dimensions. Dror et al. (2004) developed a computational system for morphological analysis and annotations of the Qur'an. It facilitates a variety of queries on the Qur'anic text that make references to both words and their linguistic attributes. The core of the system is a set of rules which describes the morpho-phonological and morpho-syntactic phenomena of the Qur'anic language. Mahzuz (2022) tried to contribute through Abjad and non-Abjad numerical analyses of *Surah al-Kawthar* and found that even, at the level of individual letters, the Qur'an has astonishing mathematical precisions. Botani (2012) applied a numbers of probability models to the distribution of the verses, words, and letters, finding that the number of verses of the Qur'an per chapter follows an exponential distribution, while word counts per chapter align to a Gamma distribution. Safi (2013) identified some statistical patterns in the Noble Qur'an, and Bin Dost and Ahmad (2008) examined the symmetry between Meccan and Medinan surahs. Together, all these studies confirm the value of quantitative measures (letters, words, and distributions) in understanding the Qur'an's structural inimitableness.

#### *4. Research Gap and Novelty of Current Study*

Despite all the above contributions, a clear research gap still remains. Existing studies have focused on the verses and word-lengths distributions, Morphological segmentation of the Qur'anic words, Stylometric markers such as function-words frequencies, statistical distributions of the verses, words, and letters across the chapters, etc.

What is missing is a direct, systematic comparison of letters, words, and unique letters at the *āyah* levels across the Qur'an and its translations. While prior works have analyzed the Arabic text internally, no one is found to examine how or whether translations expand structurally in terms of letter and word counts, and also none have consistently included unique-letter diversity as a metric. This omission is significant because usages of unique-letters, letters and words reflect phonetic ranges, rhythmic balances, and orthographic compactness—all central to the Qur'an's oral and literary impacts. Present study addresses this gap by:

1. Introducing unique-letters, letters and word count as new quantitative measures of the Qur'anic compactness.
2. Comparing Arabic with translations in English and Bangla to assess how other languages expand structurally.

By doing so, the study provides fresh empirical evidences for the Qur'an's linguistic adequacy and offers deeper possible insight into the divine sagacity behind Allah's choice of Arabic as the language of revelation. It demonstrates that only Arabic language uniquely achieves semantic density, rhythmic precision, and phonetic economy, while translations like English and Bangla inevitably stretch the structure. This can also open a promising new avenue of Qur'anic linguistic researches at the intersection of theology, linguistics, and quantitative analysis.

## 5. Methodology

This study adopts a quantitative and comparative linguistic approaches to investigate into the differences in textual density between the Qur'an in its original Arabic and its translations into English and Bangla. The study uses three quantifiable parameters: word-count (the number of lexical units per *āyah*), letter counts (the number of alphabetic characters per *āyah*), and unique letters (the diversity of distinct alphabetic characters appearing in each *āyah*). Together, these metrics make it possible to systematically compare the Qur'anic Arabic to its translations and reveal the degree of structural expansion required when transferring compact meanings into other languages. There are 28, 26 and 50 letters in Arabic, English, and Bangla languages, respectively. These are listed in Table 2. Such variations in alphabet sizes influence the outcomes of unique-letter-counts: Bangla, with more graphemes (actual smallest *visible units*), naturally produces higher diversity scores, while Arabic, with fewer letters, relies on a more compact set of symbols.



characters. For example, in Arabic, diacritical marks (*ḥarakāh* such as vowel signs) were not counted, as they are orthographic aids rather than graphemes.

3. Unique letters per *āyah* were defined as the number of distinct alphabetic characters present. For instance, if an *āyah* contained the letters ك, ب, ب, ا, the unique-letter count would be three (ك, ب, ا).

In expressing the reason and philosophy of choosing the three criteria (word-count, letter-count, unique-letter count), it can be said that, 'Word-count' reflects syntactic compactness and the minimal lexical units needed to convey meaning. Meanwhile, 'Letter-count' reflects orthographic compactness and the structural expansions that occur when shifting from an abjad-based script (Arabic) to alphabetic scripts (English, Bangla). On another hand, 'Unique-letter count' serves as a proxy for phonetic and orthographic diversity within an *āyah*, indicating the breadth of alphabetic symbols needed to encode the same meaning in different languages. Therefore, both the three criteria seem to be needed in quantifying the level of space needed to express the same specific meaning. The analytical procedure here followed several steps. Firstly, each surah was segmented into *āyāt*. Secondly, for every *āyah* in Arabic, English, and Bangla, three values were reckoned: total word count, total letter count, and number of unique letters. Thirdly, these results were compiled into several comparative Tables and figures in the following sections.

## 6. Results and Discussions

### 6.1. Surah al-Fātiḥah

The unique letter number, letter number and word number of each *āyah* of Surah al-Fātiḥah is presented in Table 3. The table reveals quantitative differences across the Qur'anic Arabic, English, and Bangla versions of *Surah al-Fātiḥah*. In Qur'anic Arabic, 139 letters have been used to create 29 words. While English uses 289 letters and 72 words, and Bangla uses 168 letters to create 55 words to express the same meaning in translation. This shows, English expands meaning by  $\approx 148\%$  ( $= (72-29)/29 \times 100$ ), and Bangla by  $\approx 90\%$  ( $= (55-29)/29 \times 100$ ) compared to Arabic, respectively. Unique Letter-counts follow a similar trend: for example, the last *āyah* used 16, 19, and 22 unique letters in Qur'anic Arabic, English, and Bangla, respectively. This highlights that the Qur'anic Arabic achieves higher semantic density (fewer letters and words per sentence or *āyah*), while English and Bangla expand structurally more to preserve the same meaning. This numerical analysis confirms the Qur'an's linguistic perfectness in

Arabic compared to its translations.

Table 3. Analysis of Surah al-Fātihah on the bases of letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ	10	19	4	139 and 29
	الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ	11	17	4	
	الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ	7	12	2	
	مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ	8	11	3	
	إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ	10	19	4	
	أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ	13	18	3	
	صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ	16	43	9	
English Translation	In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful	20	49	11	289 and 72
	All praise be to God, Lord of the worlds	15	31	9	
	The Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful	15	35	6	
	Master of the Day of Judgment	15	24	6	
	It is You we worship and You we ask for help	17	34	11	
	Guide us to the straight path	12	24	6	
	The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favour, not of those who have evoked anger or of those who are astray	19	92	23	
Bangla Translation	রহমান রহীম আল্লাহর তায়ালার নামে	8	18	5	168 and 55
	সমস্ত প্রশংসা আল্লাহ্ তা'আলার জন্যে- তিনি সৃষ্টিকুলের মালিক	15	29	8	
	তিনি পরম দয়ালু, অতি মেহেরবান	11	15	5	
	তিনি বিচার দিনের মালিক	9	11	4	
	আমরা তোমারই বন্দেগী করি এবং তোমারই সাহায্য চাই	16	25	8	
	তুমি আমাদের সঠিক পথের দিশা দাও	12	16	6	
	তাদের পথ- যাদের উপর তুমি অনুগ্রহ করেছো, তাদের নয়- যাদের উপর অভিশাপ দেয়া হয়েছে এবং যারা পথভ্রষ্ট হয়ে গেছে	22	54	19	

## 6.2. Surah Al-Nās

In Table 4 it is highlighted the quantitative differences across Qur'anic Arabic, English, and Bangla renderings of *Surah al-Nās*. In the Qur'anic Arabic, the chapter uses 80 letters to form 20 words. In contrast, the English translation expands to 163 letters and 36 words, while the Bangla translation

requires 98 letters and 32 words. Thus, compared to Arabic, English expands by  $\approx 80\%$  in word count ( $= (36-20)/20 \times 100$ ), while Bangla expands by  $\approx 60\%$  ( $= (32-20)/20 \times 100$ ). Letter-counts show a similar trend: English uses  $\approx 2 \times$  more letters than Arabic, while Bangla uses  $\approx 1.2 \times$  more. Fewer amount of unique letters also seen: for example, the first *āyah* used 10, 17, and 14 unique letters in Qur'anic Arabic, English, and Bangla, respectively. These numbers show that Arabic achieves higher semantic solidity, conveying the message with fewer letters, while English and Bangla structurally expand to preserve meaning.

Table 4. Analysis of Surah al-Nās considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ	10	14	4	80 and 20
	مَلِكِ النَّاسِ	6	8	2	
	إِلَهِ النَّاسِ	5	8	2	
	مِن شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ	9	17	4	
	الَّذِي يُوسَسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ	11	20	5	
	مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ	8	13	3	
English Translation	Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of mankind	17	32	9	163 and 36
	The Sovereign of mankind	15	21	4	
	The God of mankind	12	15	3	
	From the evil of the retreating whisperer	16	35	7	
	Who whispers into the breasts of mankind	16	34	7	
	From among the jinn and mankind"	14	26	6	
Bangla Translation	তুমি বলো, আমি আশ্রয় চাই মানুষের মালিকের কাছে	14	21	8	98 and 32
	মানুষের বাদশাহর কাছে	10	11	3	
	মানুষের মা'বুদের কাছে	8	10	3	
	কুমন্ত্রণাদানকারীর অনিষ্ট থেকে, যে গা ঢাকা দেয়	15	22	7	
	যে মানুষের অন্তরে কুমন্ত্রণা দেয়	11	16	5	
	জ্বিনদের মধ্য থেকে, মানুষদের মধ্য থেকে	10	18	6	

### 6.3. Surah Al-Falaq

Table 5 presents another comparative linguistic analysis of Surah al-Falaq across Qur'anic Arabic, English, and Bangla translations. In the Qur'anic Arabic text, the surah is compact, with 71 letters and 23 words,

reflecting the Qur'an's stylistic brevity yet in depth. The English translation, however, expands considerably to 170 letters and 45 words, which indicates that the target language often requires more words to convey the same meaning. In the same way, the Bangla translation uses 118 letters and 41 words, showing a middle ground between the conciseness of Arabic and the elaboration of English. When comparing to word-counts, English uses nearly 96% ( $= (45-23)/23 \times 100$ ) more words than Arabic, while Bangla uses about 78% ( $= (41-23)/23 \times 100$ ) more, showing inflation in text size. The analysis underscores how translation influences text density: Arabic maintains precision and rhythm, while English and Bangla introduce descriptive expansions. Also, a smaller number of unique letters are used in each respective *āyah* concerning to Qur'anic Arabic. This demonstrates both the linguistic richness of the Qur'an and the inevitable expansion during translations to preserve meaning and clarity.

Table 5. Analysis of Surah al-Falaq considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ	9	14	4	71 and 23
	مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ	8	9	4	
	وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ	11	15	5	
	وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ	14	18	5	
	وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ	10	15	5	
English Translation	Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of daybreak	17	33	9	170 and 45
	From the evil of that which He created	14	31	8	
	And from the evil of darkness when it settles	16	37	9	
	And from the evil of the blowers in knots	17	33	9	
	And from the evil of an envier when he envies."	15	36	10	
Bangla Translation	তুমি বলো, আমি উজ্জ্বল প্রভাতের মালিকের কাছে আশ্রয় চাই	16	26	9	118 and 41
	তাঁর সৃষ্টি করা অনিষ্ট থেকে	9	13	5	
	আমি আশ্রয় চাই রাতের অনিষ্ট থেকে, যখন রাত তার অন্ধকার বিছিয়ে দেয়	20	33	12	
	গিরায় ফুঁক দিয়ে যাদু টোনাকারিনীদের অনিষ্ট থেকে	12	22	7	
	হিংসুক ব্যক্তির অনিষ্ট থেকেও যখন সে হিংসা করে	15	24	8	

### 6.4. Surah Al-Ikhlās

The numerical structure of Surah al-Ikhlās across Qur’anic Arabic, English, and Bangla translations illustrates sharp contrasts in textual density and efficiency (Table 6). In the original Arabic, the surah comprises 47 letters and 15 words, reflecting extreme conciseness and rhythmic balance. The English translation expands significantly to 85 letters and 22 words, which is nearly 47% ( $= (22-15)/15 \times 100$ ) longer in word count and 81% ( $= (85-47)/47 \times 100$ ) higher in letter count than in Arabic. This expansion shows how English requires additional syntactic units to capture theological nuances. The Bangla translation have 79 letters and 30 words, which means is has about 68% ( $= (79-47)/47 \times 100$ ) more letters and 100% ( $((30-15)/15 \times 100)$ ) more words than in Qur’anic Arabic. Also, Qur’anic Arabic uses smaller number of unique letters in each *āyah* in respect to English and Bangla. These statistics reveal that Arabic is structurally compact and yet, semantically powerful, while both English and Bangla extend meaning by distributing ideas across more words.

Table 6. Analysis of Surah al-Ikhlās talking into account the letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ	7	11	4	47 and 15
	اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ	6	9	2	
	لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ	5	12	4	
	وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ	11	15	5	
English Translation	Say, "He is God, One	10	13	5	85 and 22
	God, the Self-sufficient	13	20	4	
	He neither begets nor is born	10	24	6	
	Nor is there to Him any equivalent."	15	28	7	
Bangla Translation	তুমি বলো, তিনিই আল্লাহ, তিনি এক ও একক	11	19	8	79 and 30
	তিনি কারোই মুখাপেক্ষী নন	9	12	4	
	তাঁর থেকে কেউ জন্ম নেয়নি, আর তিনিও কারো থেকে জন্ম গ্রহণ করেননি	14	31	12	
	আর তাঁর সমতুল্য দ্বিতীয় কেউ-ই নেই	13	17	6	

### 6.5. Surah Al-Masad

The dataset for Surah al-Masad in Table 7 also presents fascinating comparison of Qur’anic Arabic, English, and Bangla in terms of structural

density and linguistic expansion. The original Qur'anic Arabic text is highly concise, with 81 letters and 23 words, in delivering its core message. This brevity reflects the Qur'an's hallmark style—compact, rhythmic, and semantically rich. The English rendering expands significantly to 186 letters and 51 words, compared to Arabic, that shows a 122%  $(= (51-23)/23 \times 100)$  increases in word count and a 130%  $(= (186-81)/81 \times 100)$  upsurge in letters, underscoring how English requires more syntactic units to explain nuanced meanings. Bangla stands between the two extremes, with 125 letters and 47 words. Both the word count and letter count are higher than Arabic. Both the English and Bangla languages use higher number of unique letters per *āyah* to express the same corresponding meaning than the Qur'anic Arabic.

Table 7. Analysis of Surah al-Masad considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ	8	15	5	81 and 23
	مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُ مَالُهُ وَمَا كَسَبَ	12	19	6	
	سَيَصِلَىٰ نَارًا ذَاتَ لَهَبٍ	11	15	4	
	وَأَمْرَأَتُهُ خَمَّالَةَ الْخَطَبِ	10	17	3	
	فِي جِيدِهَا حَبْلٌ مِّن مَّسَدٍ	12	15	5	
English Translation	May the hands of Abu Lahab be ruined, and ruined is he	16	42	12	186 and 51
	His wealth will not avail him or that which he gained	16	43	11	
	He will enter to burn in a Fire of blazing flame	16	38	11	
	And his wife as well - the carrier of firewood	14	36	9	
	Around her neck is a rope of fibre	15	27	8	
Bangla Translation	আবু লাহাবের দুটো হাতই ধ্বংস হয়ে যাক, ধ্বংস হয়ে যাক সে নিজেও	18	31	12	125 and 47
	তার ধন সম্পদ ও আয় উপার্জন তার কোনো কাজে আসবে না	15	25	11	
	সে অচিরেই আগুনের লেলিহান শিখায় প্রবেশ করবে	16	22	7	
	জ্বালানি কাঠের বোঝা বহনকারি তার স্ত্রীও	12	19	6	
	তার গলায় যেন খেজুর পাতার পাকানো শক্ত কোনো রশি জড়িয়ে আছে	15	28	11	

## 6.6. Surah Al-Naṣr

The information presented in Table 8 for Surah al-Naṣr provides valuable insights into the linguistic density of Qur'anic Arabic compared to its

English and Bangla translations. The surah has 80 letters and 19 words in Qur'anic Arabic. Unique letter usage ranges from 12, 13 and 14 respectively per *āyah*. The English version expands to 184 letters and 42 words. Unique letter usage rises sharply to 17, 19 and 22 per sentence, reflecting English's orthographic variety and its reliance on longer lexical units. This expansion also illustrates how and why English requires more structural elements to capture nuance, increasing both unique letter counts and total words. Bangla yields to 109 letters and 36 words. Unique letters per *āyah* range from 13, 17 and 19. The limited use of unique letters, overall letters, and words in Qur'anic Arabic highlights its ability to achieve a remarkable diversity of sounds and vocabulary with minimal inputs.

Table 8. Analysis of Surah al-Naṣr contemplating letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ	12	19	5	80 and 19
	وَرَأَيْتَ الْإِنْسَانَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا	13	31	7	
	فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُ ۗ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا	14	30	7	
English Translation	When the victory of God has come and the conquest	19	40	10	184 and 42
	And you see the people entering into the religion of God in multitudes,	17	58	13	
	Then exalt with praise of your Lord and ask forgiveness of Him. Indeed, He is ever Accepting of repentance.	22	86	19	
Bangla Translation	যখন আল্লাহ তাআলার পক্ষ থেকে সাহায্য ও বিজয় আসবে,	17	26	9	109 and 36
	তখন মানুষদের তুমি দেখবে, তারা দলে দলে আল্লাহর দ্বীনে দাখিল হচ্ছে,	13	33	11	
	অতঃপর তুমি তোমার মালিকের প্রশংসা করো এবং তাঁর কাছেই ক্ষমা প্রার্থনা করো; অবশ্যই তিনি তাওবা কবুলকারী	19	50	16	

## 6.7. Surah Al-Kāfirūn

The Table 9 for Surah al-Kāfirūn offers another interesting and quantitative and linguistic comparisons across Qur'anic Arabic, English, and Bangla languages. The surah contains 95 letters and 26 words. Unique letter counts per *āyah* vary between 7 and 10, showing a relatively narrower range. This reflects how Qur'anic Arabic maintains semantic intensity and rhythmic flow while using a limited sounds and vocabulary. The English version expands substantially to 191 letters and 48 words, nearly doubling both word-counts and letters, with unique letters per *āyah* ranging from 11 to 16. This demonstrates how English relies on longer words and additional

syntactic elements to capture the same meaning. Bangla stands between the two extremes with 125 letters and 48 words. Despite a similar word count to English, Bangla achieves expression with shorter syllabic units. Unique letters range from 9 to 11, showing a moderate phonetic diversity. Overall, the analysis confirms that translation inevitably stretches the structural economy of Arabic, transforming compact verses into more elaborate forms.

Table 9. Analysis of Surah al-Kāfirūn considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ	10	14	3	95 and 26
	لَا أَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ	9	14	4	
	وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبُدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ	9	18	5	
	وَلَا أَنَا عَابِدٌ مَّا عَبَدْتُمْ	9	17	5	
	وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبُدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ	9	18	5	
	لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ	7	14	4	
English Translation	Say, "O disbelievers,	11	16	3	191 and 48
	I do not worship what you worship.	13	27	7	
	Nor are you worshippers of what I worship.	14	34	8	
	Nor will I be a worshipper of what you worship.	16	37	10	
	Nor will you be worshippers of what I worship.	16	37	9	
	For you is your religion, and for me is my religion."	14	40	11	
Bangla Translation	তুমি বলে দাও, হে কাফেররা	10	11	5	125 and 48
	আমি এবাদত করি না যাদের এবাদত তোমরা করো	10	21	8	
	না তোমরা এবাদত করো যার এবাদত আমি করি	10	20	8	
	এবং আমি এবাদত করবো না যাদের তোমরা এবাদত করো	11	25	9	
	না তোমরা কখনো এবাদত করবে যার এবাদত আমি করি	11	24	9	
	তোমাদের পথ তোমাদের জন্য আর আমার পথ আমার জন্য	9	24	9	

## 6.8. Surah Al-Kawthar

The Table 10 for Surah al-Kawthar, the shortest surah of the Qur'an, highlights clear differences between Qur'anic Arabic, English, and Bangla in terms of succinctness, structure, and linguistic density. The Arabic

original is extremely concise with only 42 letters and 10 words and a consistent unique letter count of 10 across all the three verses. This reflects its rhythmic compactness and semantic precision. In contrast, the English translation expands significantly to 88 letters and 21 words, nearly doubling both letters and words, with unique letters ranging from 14–16 per verse. This expansion again illustrates how and why English requires longer structures and a wider variety of letters to capture the original meaning. The Bangla translation use 76 letters and 25 words, with unique letters in between 14–16. While Bangla mirrors English in expansion, it achieves an expression through shorter syllabic units and more descriptive phrasing. Overall, the comparisons show that Arabic conveys theological richness with minimal inputs, English elaborates through length and lexical diversity, and Bangla balances compactness with descriptiveness, though both translations inevitably dilute the Qur'an's original brevity and rhythm.

Table 10. Analysis of Surah al-Kawthar considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَكَ الْكَوْثَرَ	10	15	3	42 and 10
	فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَنْحَرْ	10	12	3	
	إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ	10	15	4	
English Translation	Indeed, we have granted you, al-Kawthar.	16	31	6	88 and 21
	So, pray to your Lord and sacrifice.	15	28	7	
	Indeed, your enemy is the one cut off.	14	29	8	
Bangla Translation	আমি অবশ্যই তোমাকে কাওসার দান করেছি	14	18	6	76 and 25
	অতএব তোমার মালিককে স্মরণ করার জন্য তুমি নামায পড়ো এবং তুমি কোরবানী করো	16	38	13	
	অবশ্যই তোমার নিন্দুক, সেই হবে শেকড়-কাটা	14	20	6	

## 6.9. Surah Al-Mā'ūn

In Table 11, Surah al-Mā'ūn highlights similar differences in structural density and linguistic style across the Qur'anic Arabic, English, and Bangla translations, as above. The Arabic text is concise with 114 letters and 25 words, while unique letters per *āyah* vary between 7–12, showing a balanced but limited phonetic diversity that enhances rhythm and memorability. The English translation nearly doubles the size, with 203 letters and 48 words and unique letters ranging from 9–17. This expansion reflects the need for

more elaborate phrasing and lexical variety to capture the original meaning, though it diverts from the Arabic brevity and rhetorical sharpness. The Bangla translation, with 147 letters and 54 words, showing how Bangla relies on shorter syllabic expressions but distributes the meanings across more words. Its unique letters range from 11–17, indicating strong phonetic richness despite compact word lengths. Overall, the difference shows that Arabic conveys maximum impact with minimal input, English elaborates through structural expansion and lexical diversity, while Bangla balances descriptive details with syllabic bonding. Both translations, however, stretch the concise rhythm and density that characterize the Qur'anic original.

Table 11. Analysis of Surah al-Mā'ūn considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يُكَذِّبُ بِالدِّينِ	10	19	4	114 and 25
	فَذَلِكَ الَّذِي يَدْعُ أَلْيَتَيْمِ	10	17	4	
	وَلَا يَخْضُصْ عَلَىٰ طَعَامِ الْمِسْكِينِ	12	20	5	
	فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ	7	11	2	
	الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ	12	20	5	
	الَّذِينَ هُمْ يُرْءَاوْنَ	9	13	3	
	وَيَمْتَعُونَ الْمَاعُونَ	7	14	2	
English Translation	Have you seen the one who denies the Recompense?	17	39	9	203 and 48
	For that is the one who drives away the orphan	15	37	10	
	And does not encourage the feeding of the poor.	15	38	9	
	So, woe to those who pray	10	19	6	
	who are heedless of their prayer.	14	27	6	
	Those who make show	9	16	4	
	And withhold simple assistance.	14	27	4	
Bangla Translation	তুমি কি সে ব্যক্তির কথা ভেবে দেখেছো, যে শেষ বিচারের দিনকে অস্বীকার করে,	17	32	13	147 and 54
	এ তো হচ্ছে সে ব্যক্তি, যে ইয়াতীমকে গলাধাক্কা দেয়,	16	22	9	
	মেসকীনদের খাবার দিতে কখনো সে উৎসাহ দেয় না;	13	22	8	
	দুর্ভোগ রয়েছে সেসব নামাযীর জন্য, যারা নিজেদের নামায থেকে উদাসীন থাকে,	12	15	5	
	তারা কাজকর্মের বেলায় শুধু প্রদর্শনী করে,	11	17	6	
	এবং ছোটোখাটো জিনিস পরিশ্রুত দিতে বারণ করে।	13	18	6	
		17	21	7	

## 6.10. Surah Quraysh

Table 12 for Surah Quraysh demonstrates the striking compactness and rhetorical highness of the Qur'anic Arabic compared to English and Bangla translations. The Qur'anic Arabic original uses only 75 letters and 17 words, with unique letters per *āyah* ranging between 7 and 13. This shows how the Qur'an achieves profound meaning with a limited set of phonetic and lexical units, producing both brevity and rhythmic elegance. In contrast, the English translation expands to 165 letters and 37 words, raising the unique letter range in between 14–17. The additional length in English reflects the need for more structural and explanatory details, but it dilutes the sharp brevity of the Arabic expression. The Bangla translation, with 105 letters and 34 words, achieves a balance by spreading meaning across shorter syllabic words while maintaining moderate phonetic richness (11–20 unique letters). Overall, the comparison upholds Qur'anic Arabic as uniquely concise, melodious, and semantically dense, while translations—though necessary for accessibility—unavoidably stretch the compact rhetorical sharpness that is intrinsic to the Qur'an's original language.

Table 12. Analysis of Surah Quraysh counting letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ	7	9	2	75 and 17
	إِلَهُهُمْ رَحْلَةَ الْبَيْتَاءِ وَالصَّيْفِ	12	21	4	
	فَلْيَعْبُدُوا رَبَّ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ	12	18	4	
	الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِنْ جُوعٍ وَءَامَنَهُمْ مِنْ خَوْفٍ	13	27	7	
English Translation	For the accustomed security of the Quraysh	15	36	7	165 and 37
	Their accustomed security for the caravan of winter and summer	17	53	10	
	Let them worship the Lord of this House,	14	32	8	
	Who has fed them in hunger and made them safe from fear.	15	44	12	
Bangla Translation	কোরাযশ বংশের প্রতি রক্ষার জন্য,	11	16	5	105 and 34
	তাদের প্রতিরক্ষা শীত ও গ্রীষ্মকালের সফরের জন্য,	15	23	7	
	তাদের এ ঘরের মালিকেরই এবাদত করা উচিত,	12	21	7	
	যিনি ক্ষুধায় তাদের খাবার সরবরাহ করেছেন এবং যিনি তাদের ভয় ও সঙ্কতি থেকে নিরাপদ দিয়েছেন।	20	45	15	

## 6.11. Surah Al-Fil

In Surah al-Fil, the numerical data makes visible the economy of Qur'anic Arabic compared to its translations. The Arabic text conveys the entire surah in only 96 letters and 23 words (Table 13), while maintaining a balanced range of 10–12 unique letters per *ayah*. This balance creates both rhythm and brevity, showing how the Qur'an compresses profound historical narratives into the most compact form. By contrast, the English rendering nearly doubles the size, requiring 194 letters and 44 words, with unique letters expanding from 13 to 19. The need for explanatory phrases in English inevitably stretches the concise, emphatic style of Arabic. Bangla sits between the two, using 133 letters and 44 words, reflecting its reliance on shorter syllables but descriptive details. Its unique letter counts rise as high as 12 up to 17, suggesting richness but less economy. What stands out is that while English and Bangla translations serve clarity, they cannot replicate the Qur'an's original sharpness—its measured brevity, sound harmony, and dense semantic layering remain unmatched in Arabic used in the Qur'an.

Table 13. Analysis of Surah al-Fil considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ	12	24	7	96 and 23
	أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضْلِيلٍ	12	19	5	
	وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ	11	20	4	
	تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ	12	18	4	
	فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ	10	15	3	
English Translation	Have you not considered, how your Lord dealt with the companions of the elephant?	19	66	14	194 and 44
	Did He not make their plan into misguidance?	17	36	8	
	And He sent against them birds in flocks,	17	33	8	
	Striking them with stones of hard clay,	18	32	7	
	And He made them like eaten straw.	13	27	7	
Bangla Translation	তুমি কি দেখিনি তোমার মালিক হাতিওয়ালাদের সাথে কি ব্যবহার করেছেন?	15	30	10	133 and 44
	তিনি কি তাদের যাবতীয় ষড়যন্ত্র নস্যাৎ করে দেননি?	12	23	8	
	এবং তিনি তাদের ওপর আবাবীল পাখী পাঠিয়েছেন,	15	22	7	
	এ পাখীগুলো তাদের ওপর পাথরের টুকরো নিক্ষেপ করছিল	15	26	8	
	অতঃপর তিনি তাদের জন্তু জানোয়ারের চর্বি ত ঘাস এর মতো করে দিলেন।	17	32	11	

### 6.12. Surah Al-Humazah

In Surah al-Humazah, the statistics again clearly reveals the Qur'an's mastery of brevity and rhetorical impact in Arabic. As shown in Table 14, with only 133 letters and 33 words, the surah delivers a sharp condemnation of arrogance, material obsession, and mockery, while maintaining a compact flow of 6–12 unique letters per *āyah*. The English translation, by contrast, nearly doubles the size to 269 letters and 64 words, with unique letter counts as high as 12-16, reflecting the need for extended phrasing and syntactic expansion to capture what Arabic compresses into a few strokes. In case of Bangla, while more efficient than English at 172 letters and 64 words, and with unique letters ranging in between 9-22 per sentence, still cannot mirror the Arabic's compact sharpness. It distributes meanings across syllabic units and descriptive elaboration. This comparative statistics highlights that while translations serve clarity and accessibility, the Qur'anic Arabic stands unmatched in its brevity, melodic rhythm, and semantic density, achieving profound expression with the least verbal expenditure.

Table 14. Analysis of Surah al-Humazah on the scale of letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ	7	14	4	133 and 33
	الَّذِي جَمَعَ مَالًا وَعَدَّدَهُ	10	16	4	
	يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ أَخْلَدَهُ	11	15	4	
	كَلَّا لَيُنْبَذَنَّ فِي الْحُطَمَةِ	12	17	4	
	وَمَا أَذْرَنَّا مَا الْحُطَمَةُ	10	15	4	
	نَارَ اللَّهِ الْمَوْجِدَةَ	9	14	3	
	الَّتِي تَطَّلِعُ عَلَى الْأَفْئِدَةِ	9	18	4	
	إِنَّهَا عَلَيْهِمْ مُّصَدَّقَةٌ	10	14	3	
	فِي عَمَدٍ مُمَدَّدَةٍ	6	10	3	
English Translation	Woe to every scorner and mocker	14	26	6	269 and 64
	Who collects wealth and counts it.	13	28	6	
	He thinks that his wealth will make him immortal.	13	40	9	
	No! He will surely be thrown into the Crusher.	14	36	9	
	And what can make you know what is the Crusher?	16	37	10	
	It is the fire of God, fuelled,	12	23	7	
	Which mounts directed at the hearts.	14	30	6	
	Indeed, it will be closed down upon them	15	32	8	
	In extended columns.	12	17	3	

Bangla Translation	দুর্ভোগ রয়েছে এমন প্রত্যেক ব্যক্তির জন্য, যে নিন্দা করে,	15	24	9	172 and 64
	যে অর্থ জমা করে এবং তা গুণে রাখে,	14	15	8	
	সে মনে করে, অর্থ তাকে স্থায়ী করে রাখবে;	11	17	8	
	বরং নিশ্চিত অল্পদিনের মধ্যেই সে চূর্ণবিচূর্ণকারী আগুনে নিষ্ফিষ্ট হবে,	21	34	9	
	তুমি কি জানো, বিচূর্ণকারী আগুন কেমন?	11	16	6	
	আল্লাহ তায়ালার প্রজ্জ্বলিত এক আগুন,	12	18	5	
	যা মানুষের হৃদয়ের ওপর পর্যন্ত পৌঁছে যাবে;	14	20	7	
	তাদের ওপর ঢাকনা দিয়ে রাখা হবে,	12	15	6	
	উঁচু উঁচু খামের মধ্যে রাখা হবে।	9	13	6	

### 6.13. Surah Al- 'Aṣr

The entire surah al- 'Aṣr, is expressed just by 71 letters and 14 words, yet it encompasses a complete worldview: an oath by time, the inevitable loss of mankind, and the exception of those grounded in faith, good deeds, truth, and patience. Unique letter counts range modestly from 6 to 14, showing that Arabic achieves both sound variety and rhetorical power with minimal vocabulary. In another side, the English version expands to 138 letters and 31 words, nearly doubling the length, with unique letters rising as high as 6 to 20; this reflects the necessity of explanatory additions in order to unfold what Arabic compresses so elegantly.

The Bangla rendering stands at 85 letters and 30 words, with unique letters rising as high as 7 to 22, closer to English in word count but characterized by shorter syllabic expressions. Still, both translations inevitably dilute the compact rhythm of Arabic. Thus, this surah exemplifies how the Qur'an in its original Arabic achieves an unmatched brevity, rhythm, and semantic depth, encapsulating vast meanings within the smallest linguistic framework.

Table 15. Analysis of Surah al- 'Aṣr relying on letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	وَالْعَصْرِ	6	6	1	71 and 14
	إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِفِي خُسْرٍ	8	14	4	
	إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ	14	51	9	

English Translation	By time,	6	6	2	138 and 31
	Indeed, the human being is in loss,	14	27	7	
	Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience.	20	105	22	
Bangla Translation	সময়ের শপথ,	7	7	2	85 and 30
	মানুষ অবশ্যই ক্ষতির মধ্যে আছে,	13	15	5	
	সে লোকগুলো বাদে, যারা ঈমান এনেছে, নেক কাজ করেছে, একে অপরকে হক কাজের তাগিদ দিয়েছে এবং একে অপরকে ধৈর্য ধারণ করার উপদেশ দিয়েছে।	22	63	23	

### 6.14. Surah Al-Takāthur

In Surah al-Takāthur, with only 123 letters and 28 words, and unique letters ranging from 8 to 12, the surah delivers a sweeping critique of human obsession with material rivalry, extending even to the grave, and then a vivid reminder of certainty, Hellfire, and accountability. This compact presentation style is what gives the Arabic its penetrating rhythm and rhetorical sharpness. In contrast, the English rendering expands to 252 letters and 60 words, nearly doubling the length, while unique letters reach 12–17, reflecting the need for elaborate phrasing to capture nuances that Arabic expresses with brevity. The Bangla translation stand at 176 letters and 57 words, closer to English in length but shaped by shorter syllabic constructions, making it descriptively rich but less compact (Table 16). What emerges is the Qur'an's unmatched eloquence: in Arabic, a few words carry the weight of eternity, while translations, though useful for comprehension, inevitably stretch the original's concise force and musical cadence.

Table 16. Analysis of Surah al-Takāthur considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	الْهَلِكُمْ التَّكَاثُرُ	8	13	2	123 and 28
	حَتَّىٰ زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ	10	14	3	
	كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ	10	12	3	
	ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ	11	14	4	
	كَلَّا لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ عِلْمَ الْيَقِينِ	10	20	5	
	لَتَرْوُنَّ الْجَحِيمَ	10	11	2	
	ثُمَّ لَتَرَوُنَّهَا عَيْنَ الْيَقِينِ	12	18	4	

	ثُمَّ لَنَسْأَلَنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ	11	21	5	
English Translation	Competition for more distracted you	15	31	5	252 and 60
	Until you visit the graves.	14	22	5	
	No! You are going to know.	12	19	6	
	Then, no! You are going to know.	13	23	7	
	No! If you only knew with knowledge of certainty.	17	39	9	
	You will surely see the Hellfire.	12	27	6	
	Then you will surely see it with the eye of certainty.	15	43	11	
	Then you will surely be asked that Day about the blessings.	17	48	11	
Bangla Translation	অধিক লাভের প্রতিযোগিতা তোমাদেরকে গাফেল করে রেখেছে,	15	24	7	176 and 57
	এমনি করেই তোমরা কবরের কাছে গিয়ে হাজির হবে;	13	22	8	
	এমনটি কখনো নয়, তোমরা অচিরেই জানতে পারবে,	15	22	7	
	কখনো নয়, তোমরা অতি সত্ত্বরই জানতে পারবে;	13	21	7	
	যদি তোমরা সঠিক জ্ঞান দিয়ে তা জানতে পারতে;	13	20	8	
	অবশ্যই তোমরা জাহান্নাম দেখবে,	12	15	4	
	অতঃপর তোমরা অবশ্যই নিজেদের চোখে তা দেখতে পাবে,	13	24	8	
	অতঃপর নেয়ামত সম্পর্কে তোমাদের সেদিন জিজ্ঞেস করা হবে।	15	28	8	

### 6.15. Surah Al-Qāri'ah

In Surah al-Qāri'ah (Table 17), the numerical structure brings out the Qur'an's remarkable ability to compress awe-inspiring imagery into a tightly knit form. The Arabic text employs only 158 letters and 36 words, with unique letter counts ranging from 6 to 13. This compactness ensures rhythm, repetition, and rhetorical intensity, where sound and meaning reinforce each other. The English translation, however, expands to 330 letters and 83 words, reflecting the requisite for explanatory phrases to convey what Arabic achieves with piercing brevity. The unique letter counts, higher in English (12–18), show a reliance on lexical variety over rhythmic concision. Bangla, with 156 letters and 58 words, takes a middle path, leaning on short syllabic constructions but still stretching the message descriptively. Thus, the comparison reconfirms that while translations may communicate the sense, they cannot replicate the Arabic's unmatched eloquence, where few words reverberate with eternal weight, blending

brevity, rhythm, and meaning in a way no other language fully sustains.

Table 17. Analysis of Surah al-Qāri'ah considering letters and words

	Verses and Translation	Unique letter No	Letter No	Word No	Total Letters & Words
Qur'an	أَلْقَارِعُهُ	6	7	1	158 and 36
	مَا أَلْقَارِعُهُ	7	9	2	
	وَمَا أُنزِلَكَ مَا أَلْقَارِعُهُ	10	17	4	
	يَوْمَ يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ	13	26	5	
	وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوشِ	13	24	4	
	فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ	12	16	4	
	فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ	10	14	4	
	وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ	10	15	4	
	فَأُمُّهُ هَاوِيَةٌ	6	9	2	
	وَمَا أُنزِلَكَ مَا هِيَ	8	13	4	
نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ	7	8	2		
English Translation	The Striking Calamity	14	19	3	330 and 83
	What is the Striking Calamity?	15	25	5	
	And what can make you know what is the Striking Calamity?	18	46	11	
	It is the Day when people will be like moths, dispersed,	17	44	11	
	And the mountains will be like wool, fluffed up.	17	38	9	
	Then as for one whose scales are heavy	14	31	8	
	He will be in a pleasant life.	12	23	7	
	But as for one whose scales are light,	16	30	8	
	His refuge will be an abyss.	14	22	6	
	And what can make you know what that is?	15	31	9	
It is a Fire, intensely hot.	12	21	6		
Bangla Translation	এক মহাদুর্যোগ!	7	7	2	158 and 58
	কি সে মহাদুর্যোগ?	7	7	3	
	তুমি জানো সে মহাদুর্যোগটা কি?	11	12	5	
	যেদিন মানুষগুলো পতঙ্গের মতো বিক্ষিপ্ত হয়ে পড়বে;	17	25	7	
	পাহাড়গুলো রঙ বেরঙের ধূনা তুলার মতো হবে;	13	20	7	
	অতঃপর যার ওজনের পাল্লা ভারী হবে,	13	18	6	
	সে সুখের জীবন লাভ করবে;	9	12	5	
	আর যার ওজনের পাল্লা হালকা হবে,	11	16	6	
	হাবিয়া দোষখই হবে তার মা,	10	12	5	

তুমি কি জানো সে গর্তটি কি?	8	10	6
তা হচ্ছে প্রজ্জলিত আগুনের এক কুন্ডলী।	14	19	6

### 7. Findings and Discussion

For a better visual understanding, the number of letters in different languages with respect to different Surahs and the number of words in different languages with respect to different Surahs are presented in Figure 1 and 2, respectively. Also, the range of minimum to maximum usages of unique letters in different languages with respect to the Surahs of the present study is presented in Figure 3. From Table 3-17, letter and word count of the individual surah is presented. But now, across the fifteen selected surahs, the cumulative totals reveal the following final outputs.

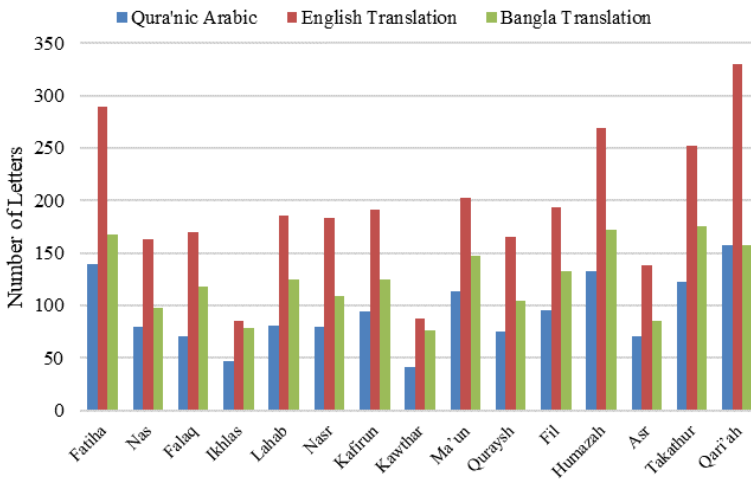


Figure 1. Number of letters in different languages with respect to Surah

Out of the 15 surahs, the total number of letters in Qur'anic Arabic is 1405 (Table 3-17). English translation contains 2907 letters, while Bangla translation requires 1874 letters (Table 3-17). This indicates that, relative to Qur'anic Arabic, English uses 2.07 times or 107% more letters and, Bangla uses 1.33 times or 33% more letters. On the other hand, out of the 15 surahs, Qur'anic Arabic employs 341 words (Table 3-17). By comparison, English translation expands to 704 words and Bangla translation to 655 words (Table 3-17). This means that, relating to Qur'anic Arabic, English uses 2.06 times more words (a 106% increase) and Bangla uses 1.92 times more words (a 92% increase).

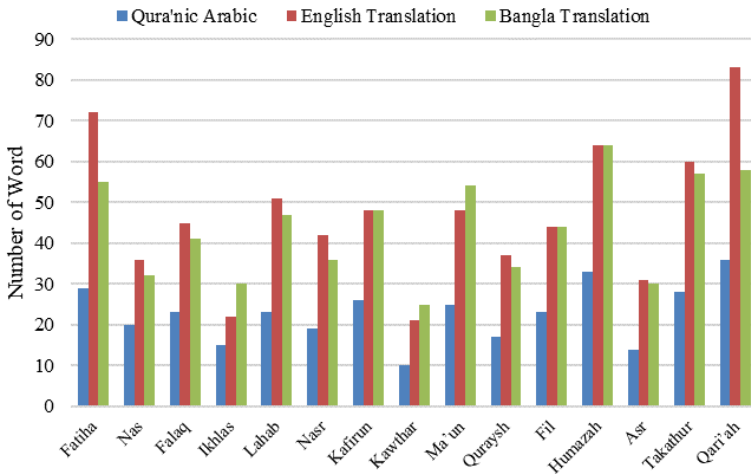


Figure 2. Number of words in different languages with respect to Surah

These upshots provide a quantitative approximation of the Qur'an's textual excellency in Arabic compared to translations. Across all the fifteen surahs under study here, Qur'anic Arabic consistently delivers meaning with the least linguistic expenditure—fewer words, fewer letters, and a more compact range of unique letters. Translations in English and Bangla necessarily expand in both word count and letter count, underscoring the Qur'an's incomparable conciseness and semantic density in its original Arabic form.

Letter and word based comparative numerical analyses of Surahs *Al-Fātiḥah*, *Al-Nās*, *Al-Falaq*, *Al-Ikhlās*, *Al-Lahab*, *Al-Naṣr*, *Al-Kāfirūn*, *Al-Kawthar*, *Al-Ma'ūn*, *Quraysh*, *Al-Fīl*, *Al-Humazah*, *Al-'Aṣr*, *Al-Takāthur*, and *Al-Qāri'ah* demonstrate a scintillating linguistic asymmetry between Qur'anic Arabic and its translations into English and Bangla. It reveals a consistent and profound phenomenon: Qur'anic Arabic is uniquely effective in delivering meaning with unmatched brevity, rhythm, and semantic compactness. The translations, while necessary for comprehension and accessibility, inevitably expand the text in terms of word count, letter count, and unique letter usages. These results may underscore the theological justification of Allah's choice of Arabic as the language of the Qur'an, as well as the Qur'an's inimitability.

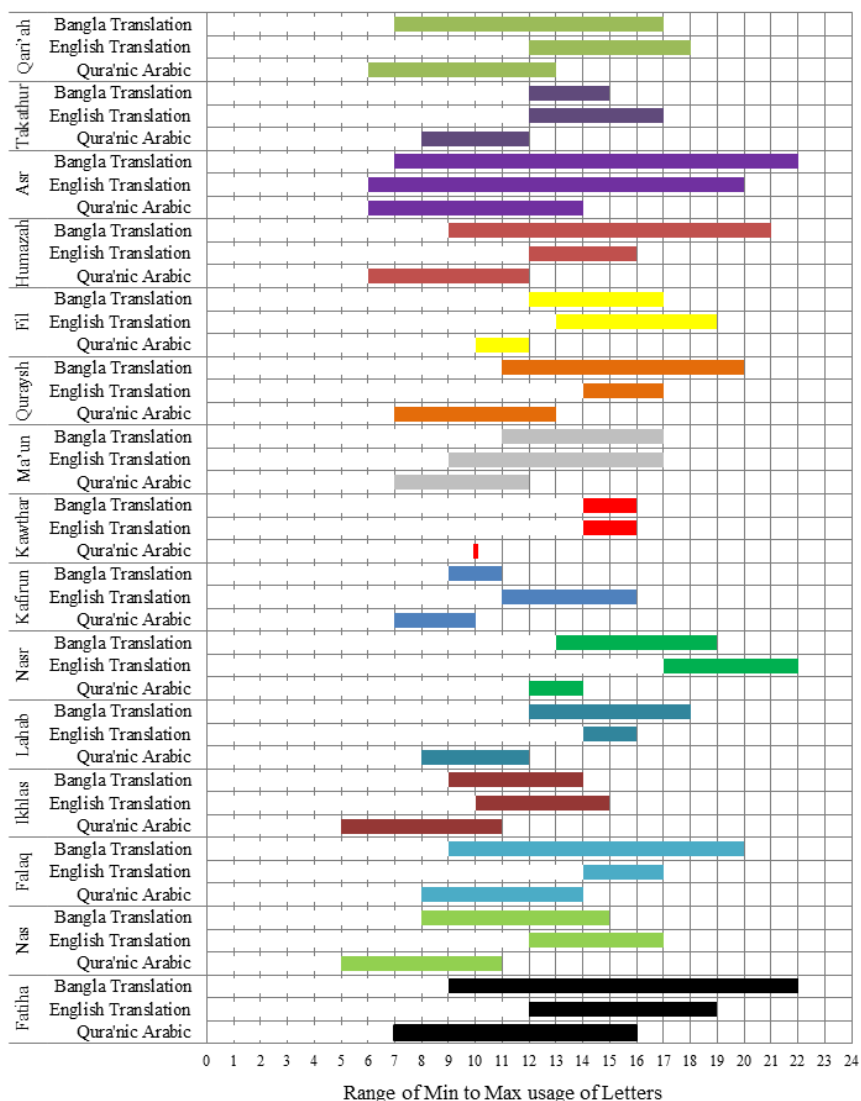


Figure 3. Ranges of minimum to maximum usages of unique letters in different languages with respect to the Surahs of the study

A recurring pattern throughout all the surahs scrutinized here is a remarkable conciseness of the Qur'anic Arabic language. For instance, Surah al-Fāṭiḥah employs only 139 letters and 29 words to express a completely theological worldview—divine Lordship, mercy, worshipping, and supplication. In contrast, English translations expand to 289 letters and 72 words, while Bangla uses 168 letters and 55 words (Table 3). The same

pattern emerges in Surah al-Ikhlās, a foundational chapter that affirms divine Oneness. The original Arabic text of Surah al-Ikhlās contains 47 letters and 15 words, while the English translation expands to 85 letters and 22 words, and Bangla to 79 letters and 30 words (Table 6). In terms of unique letters usages, for example considering Surah al-Nās (Table 4), in the respective verses, the range of minimum to maximum unique letters for Qur'anic Arabic varies from 5-11, for English varies from 12-17 and for Bangla varies from 8-15. This demonstrates that the Qur'an in Arabic conveys profound theological principles in minimal linguistic spaces. Such consequences are not a superficial matter of brevity. It represents semantic density: the ability to condense vast meanings into the smallest possible form and shape. For a scripture intended for recitation, memorizing, and universal transmission, this property is indispensable. This study has analyzed only English and Bangla translations, selected for their global and regional significances, and due to space considerations. It is needed to point that in translation (either English or Bangla) count of words, letters and unique letters should be interpreted as a relative measure, affected by translation conventions and linguistic structures of the target language of the translator.

The number of letters functions as an independent indicator that highlights structural differences between Arabic and its translations. Qur'anic Arabic, expresses vowels through diacritics and uses morphological compactness and *tashdīd* to convey meanings with fewer written symbols. But, English and Bangla, as alphabetic scripts, must write vowels and phonetic details as full letters, naturally increasing letter-count keeping the meaning the same. Thus, letter-count independently reflects the script efficiency and economy of Arabic compared to the translation languages. The number of unique letters is also considered as an independent criterion. It measures the diversity of alphabetic symbols required to express an *āyah*, rather than the total quantity of letters or words. While letter-count reflects orthographic length, unique-letter count reflects the phonetic range and, graphemic variety of a language. Arabic often conveys meaning using a fewer set of recurring consonantal roots, whereas English and Bangla distribute meaning across a wider variety of letters. Thus, unique-letter usage independently captures how broadly each language's script must extend to encode the same content. One of the remarkable features of Arabic is its use of *i'rāb*, *tanwīn*, and *tashdīd*, which convey grammatical and phonetic information without increasing the number of written letters. As a result, Arabic expresses meaning with fewer written symbols, reducing both word-count and letter-count and contributing to the language's exceptional structural compactness. While translations often appear longer than the Qur'anic Arabic text, part of this

difference is due to the inherent structural properties of the Arabic language itself which naturally allow to convey meaning with fewer written symbols. This linguistic characteristic is similar in Qur'anic and in typical of Arabic as a language. At the same time, from a broader Islamic theological perspective, such structural conciseness may also help explain why Arabic, beyond merely being the Prophet's mother tongue, was divinely chosen as the language of revelation: its natural brevity enables rich, layered meanings to be communicated with exceptional clarity and economy.

The same methodology, examining word counts, letter counts, and unique letter usages, can be extended to other any languages. Such research could open an entirely new interdisciplinary field, combining linguistics, computational analysis, theology, and translation studies. It is also necessary to emphasize that this study does not intend to rank languages as superior or inferior. Every language has its own intrinsic richness, history, and expressive capacity. The purpose of the comparisons here is not to suggest that Arabic is better than English, Bangla, or any other languages in general, rather, it is to highlight that the Qur'anic Arabic uniquely combines features such as semantic density, rhythms, phonetic balances that make it the divinely chosen vehicle for revelation. This distinction is solely theological, neither cultural nor nationalistic.

## 8. *Conclusion*

Finally, across the fifteen selected surahs of the 'Uthmānī Muṣḥaf of the Qur'an and the selected translation scripts (al-Mehri 2017; Ahmed 2008), the study underscores that,

- Compared to Qur'anic Arabic, English translations require 2.07 times more letters and expand by 2.06 times in terms of words.
- Compared to Qur'anic Arabic, Bangla translations use 1.33 times more letters and 1.92 times more words.
- Moreover, Qur'anic Arabic maintains phonetic economy and rhythm with fewer unique letters, than the English and Bangla, also ensuring the best clarity, rhythm, memorability, and harmony in recitation.

These outcomes highlight a consistent pattern: Qur'anic Arabic delivers profound meaning with remarkable conciseness, while translations necessarily expand the text. Qur'anic Arabic uniquely combines semantic density, rhythmic harmony, and phonetic elegance, properties not reproducible in English or in Bangla. The compactness of Qur'anic Arabic allows complex theological truths, such as divine mercy, worship, or

Oneness, to be expressed in a fraction of the linguistic space required in translation. From a theological perspective, these findings may affirm Allah's deliberate choice of Arabic for His final revelation. The Qur'an was intended for universal guidance and perpetual preservation through oral transmission and memorization. Arabic's structural proficiency makes it uniquely capable of fulfilling divine purposes. Although this study focused on: 1) fifteen selected surahs, 2) English and Bangla languages, and 3) two translation books, Al-Mehri (2017) and Ahmed (2008), extending the methodology to other major languages would likely yield similar results, and further validating the Qur'an's linguistic distinctiveness. Use of multiple translations in each language can provide robust data. Due to scope limitations, the present study uses only one English and one Bangla translation. Future studies can incorporate multiple translations in different languages as well. Also, coming research can include more Surahs of Qur'an to draw more generate generic information.

Everything is created by Allah, including Arabic Language. Since Qur'an is a very special book therefore as the language of revelation it is not surprising that Arabic also can contain special quality in terms of structure, compactness and expression. Whether Arabic inherently possesses distinctive linguistic properties or whether it was divinely selected for the purpose of revelation-in both ways-the remarkable brevity and semantic density of Qur'an is beyond dispute. At least this conclusion can be drawn under the presented analysis and result- focusing on the three target languages (Arabic, English and Bangla) and fifteen small surahs of Qur'an examined in this study. Importantly, the intention of current study was to describe structural differences, not to evaluate Arabic, English and Bangla as superior of inferior. Both English and Bangla use full vowel letters for clarity and readability. This naturally increases letter counts compared to Arabic's diacritic-based system. This research tried to highlight Qur'anic Arabic's textual excellency as the vessel of revelation. The results reaffirm what believers have always recognized: the Qur'an's Arabic is unique, divinely chosen, and linguistically miraculous.

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