THE DECLARATION OF FAITH, THE FIRST PILLAR OF ISLAM

The Shahada

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ

Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah
I bear witness that there is no god but Allah

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Ash-hadu anna Muhammadan rasulullah
I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah

Word by word

أَشْهَدُ	ash-hadu	I bear witness
أَنْ	an	that
لاَ	lā	there is no
إِلَهَ	ilāha	god
إِلاَّ	illā	except
اللَّهُ	Allāh	Allah
أَشْهَدُ	ash-hadu	I bear witness
أَنَّ	anna	that
مُحَمَّدًا	Muḥammadan	Muhammad
رَسُولُ	rasūlu	is the Messenger
اللَّهِ	llāh	of Allah

The seven conditions scholars list

1. **Knowledge:** knowing what the words deny and affirm
2. **Certainty:** holding it without doubt
3. **Acceptance:** accepting what it brings
4. **Submission:** acting on it
5. **Truthfulness:** meaning it
6. **Sincerity:** saying it for Allah alone
7. **Love:** loving Allah, His Messenger and what the words stand for