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Arabic Language Semester One

The three kinds of word, both kinds of sentence, the noun with its marks and cases, pronouns and the idafah, and a sound verb conjugated in full.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- How this book is used beside the workbook
- Four units, twelve lessons, each one taught in two pages
- Worked examples, and the words of every lesson
- What the workbook asks of you, week by week
- The curriculum this book is built on, in full

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Built on the Academy's own Islamic Education Curriculum, and keyed to the workbook of the same semester, week for week.

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2 WEEK TWO
The nominal sentence

The nominal sentence: mubtada and khabar

Two parts

A jumlah ismiyyah جُمْلَة اِسْمِيَّة begins with a noun. It has two parts.

ARABIC		
Mubtada, the subject	مُبْتَدَأ	الْبَيْتُ
Khabar, the predicate	خَبَر	كَبِيرٌ
Together	الْبَيْتُ كَبِيرٌ	The house is big

The mubtada is what is being spoken about. The khabar is what is said about it. Both are marfu', which is week six.

No word for is

Arabic does not need one in the present. The two nouns side by side say it.

Which is why a student translating must add the English verb and must not look for an Arabic word to correspond to it. Students look for it for weeks; there is nothing there.

In the Qur'an

ٱللَّهُ لَآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ٱلْحَىُّ ٱلْقَيُّومُ ۚ لَا تَأْخُذُهُۥ سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَّهُۥ مَا فِى ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَمَا فِى ٱلْأَرْضِ ۗ مَن ذَا ٱلَّذِى يَشْفَعُ عِندَهُۥٓ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِۦ ۚ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۖ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَىْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِۦٓ إِلَّا بِمَا شَآءَ ۚ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضَ ۖ وَلَا يَـُٔودُهُۥ حِفْظُهُمَا ۚ وَهُوَ ٱلْعَلِىُّ ٱلْعَظِيمُ

AL-BAQARAH 2:255

Allah: there is no deity but Him; the Ever Living, the Sustainer.

The opening of Ayat al-Kursi is a nominal sentence, and so is a great deal of the Qur'an's statement about Allah. Your Tafseer course had you write this verse in clauses; now you can say what kind of clause each one is.

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8 WEEK EIGHT

The idafah

The idafah, and what it does to the second noun

Two nouns, one construction

An idafah إِضَافَة joins two nouns so that the second qualifies the first, usually as possession.

	ARABIC	
the boy's book	كِتَابُ الْوَلَدِ	mudaf marfu‘, mudaf ilayh jarr
a boy's book	كِتَابُ وَلَدٍ	second noun indefinite
the door of the house	بَابُ الْبَيْتِ	

The first noun, the mudaf, takes no al and no tanwin, and takes whatever case its job in the sentence requires. The second, the mudaf ilayh, is always jarr.

What it does to the first noun

Three things, and all three are tests you can apply.

It loses al. It loses tanwin. And it becomes definite if the second noun is definite, without carrying al itself.

That last point is what students find strange: a word with no al that is nevertheless definite.

In the Qur’an

مَٰلِكِ يَوْمِ ٱلدِّينِ

AL-FATIHAH 1:4

Master of the day of judgement. Two idafahs inside one another: rabb of the day, and day of the judgement.

Which is why the middle word carries jarr and no al and no tanwin at once. You have recited this thousands of times; this week it becomes readable.

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10 WEEK TEN

Past, present, command

Past, present and command

Three forms of every verb

	ARABIC	EXAMPLE	
Past	مَاضِي	كَتَبَ	he wrote
Present	مُضَارِع	يَكْتُبُ	he writes
Command	أَمْر	اُكْتُبْ	write

Al-madi is the past. Al-mudari is the present and future. Al-amr is the command.

Learn one verb in all three and you have the pattern for most of the language.

Where the pronoun is

In the verb. كَتَبَ already means he wrote; there is no separate word for he, and adding one is emphasis rather than necessity.

Which means a one word Arabic sentence is complete. Students look for a subject and find none, and the subject is inside the verb.

The command, in the Qur'an

ٱقْرَأْ بِٱسْمِ رَبِّكَ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَ

AL-'ALAQ 96:1

Read. One word, a command, and the first word revealed.

And قُلْ, say, which opens four of the surahs you memorised first. You have been reading commands since your first year.

The words of this lesson

TERM	WHAT IT MEANS
Madi مَاضِي	The past tense.
Mudari' مُضَارِع	The present tense.
Amr أَمْر	The command.

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SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The book is longer.

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