

ALI 647: Quranic Arabic, Level 5

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Description: In this ONLINE course of seven sessions via Zoom, we will InshāAllah go through passages from the Quranic surahs to learn the vocabulary and look at simple rules of Arabic grammar covered in Lessons 23 to 26 in Unit 1, Quick Revision of Unit 1, and Lessons 1 & 2 from Unit 2 from the main text *Qur'anic Language Made Easy*. During the class, we will often refer to *The Qur'an: With a Phrase-by-Phrase English Translation* by Syed Ali Quli Qarai.

Du'ā before a class or reading

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ * اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ.
إِلَّهِمَّ وَفِّقْنَا لِمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى، وَلَا تَكِلْنَا إِلَى أَنْفُسِنَا طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ أَبَدًا.
إِلَّهِمَّ أَخْرِجْنَا مِنْ ظُلُمَاتِ الْوَهْمِ، وَأَكْرِمْنَا بِنُورِ الْفَهْمِ. اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا
أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ، وَاَنْشُرْ عَلَيْنَا خَزَائِنَ عُلُومِكَ. بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ.

In the name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful. O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad. O Allah, grant us the success in (thinking, saying and doing) that which You love and are pleased with. And never leave us to ourselves for the blink of an eye. O Allah: remove from us the darkness of doubt (and error), and favor us with the light of understanding. O Allah: open for us the doors of Your mercy, and unfold for us the treasures of Your knowledge. O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.

House keeping items

- *Alhamdu lillāh* we have 9 registrants from 8 cities & 2 countries
- *Shukran* for registering and for your donations
- May Allah ﷻ accept our efforts in understanding the Quran
- Please revise past lessons during. All slides and recordings found at <https://academyofislam.com/quran/quranic-arabic/>
- Use Quli Qarai translation or www.quranwbw.com for tilāwa.
- We will *inshaAllah* give homework at the end of every class. we advise all of you to do homework. Homework will be discussed in detail in the following class, to enable to you to check your answers with what appears on the slides.
- It is never late to register; encourage family & friends to also benefit from this course.

Essential definitions of grammatical words

A **noun** is a name of any living being, object or idea. A **pronoun** (*dhamīr*) is a word used instead of a noun. It can be attached (*muttasil*) or detached (*munfasil*).

An **adjective** is a word which describes a noun.

An **adverb** adds information about a verb, an adjective or another adverb. In the sentence *speak slowly*, ‘slowly’ is an adverb informing us how to speak, thus telling us more about verb.

Harakāt (singular *harakah*) are the vowel signs (damma, fatha and kasra) that are placed on letters of nouns, verbs and particles. Adding a harakah on the last letter based on grammatical rules is known as putting an **i‘rab** (إِعْرَاب).

Nouns and adjectives having the i‘rab of **damma** are said to be in the **nominative** case (*marfū‘un*). In sound plurals the nominative is indicated by ‘waw & nun’, as in مُسْلِمُونَ، مُؤْمِنُونَ.

Nouns and adjectives having the i‘rab of **fatha** are said to be in the **accusative** case (*mansūbun*). In sound plurals the accusative is indicated by ‘yā & nun’, as in مُسْلِمِينَ، مُؤْمِنِينَ.

Nouns and adjectives having the i‘rab of **kasra** are said to be in the **genitive** case (*majrūrūn*). In sound plurals the genitive is indicated by ‘yā & nun’ – same as accusative case.

What is Quranic Arabic & why it is important?

Know that QURANIC ARABIC course focuses on learning Arabic words, phrases, sentences, grammar rules and other concepts which are found in the Holy Quran. The idea is to learn the Arabic language so as to comprehend the Divine message contained in the Holy Book. **The course will NOT cover speaking or conversational Arabic nor will we learn how to write Arabic.** Most of the examples used to understand Arabic will be drawn from the Holy Quran. Occasionally, we may use a few Hadiths and passages from common Du'ās (supplications) received from the Holy Fourteen Ma'sūmīn عليهم السلام.

The course is both important and essential because it helps us understand the Final Message from Almighty Allah جل جلاله to humanity, that was received by the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله directly for the guidance of Muslims and non-Muslims in the form of the Quran. Since its revelation, the Muslims have preserved the Message through memorizing, learning and studying its tafāsīr (commentaries).

Answers to Homework Session 30

1. Find three examples from the Quran where the *iqlāb* of letter م appears. **A:** verses 5:19, 5:20, 7:17, 36:9, etc.

ثُمَّ لَا تَعْنِيهِمْ مِّنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ ۗ
وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ سَدًّا وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ سَدًّا فَأَغْشَيْنَاهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ

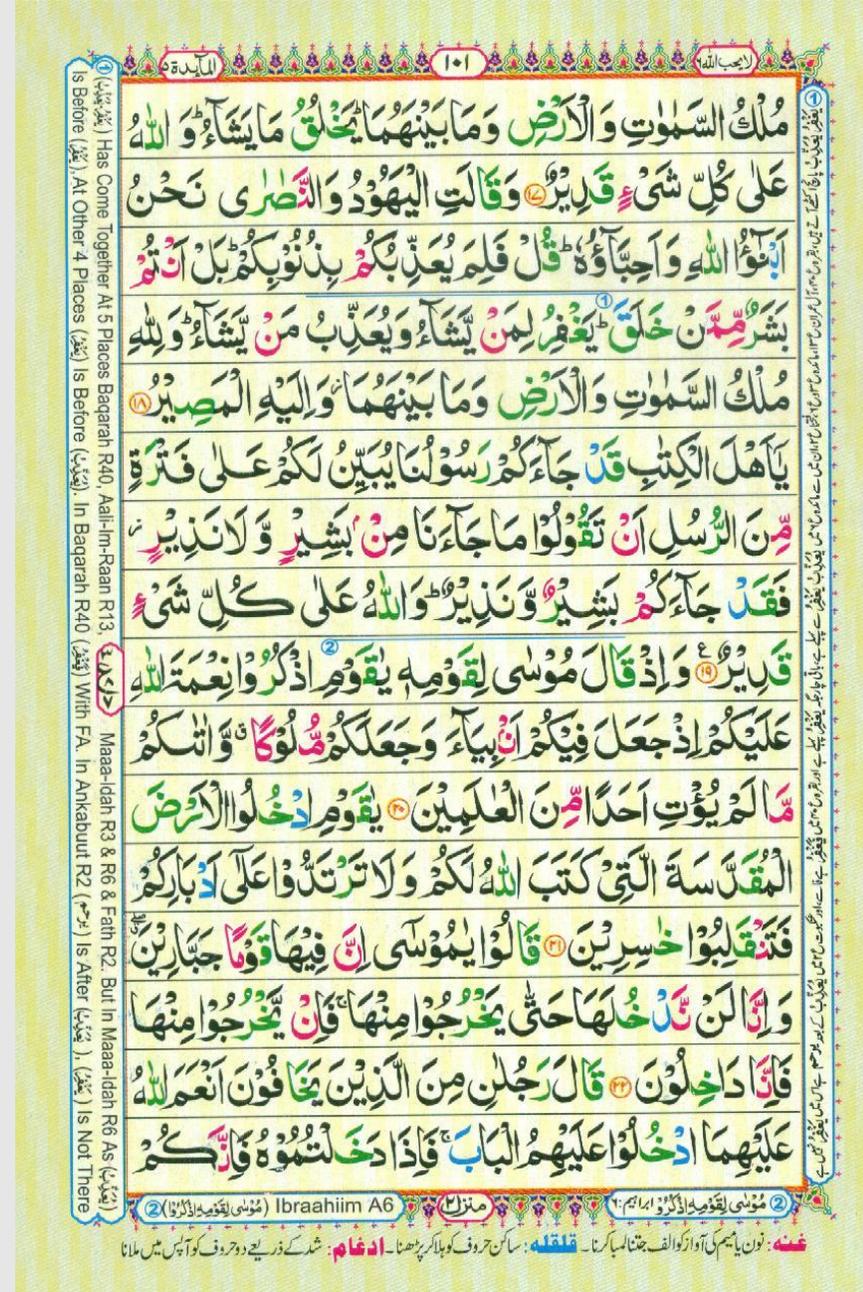
2. Highlight the letters of i'rab in 20:63, 27:81, 34:15

قَالُوا إِنَّ هَذَانِ لَسَاحِرَانِ يُرِيدَانِ أَنْ يُخْرِجَاكُم مِّنْ أَرْضِكُمْ بِسِحْرِهِمَا
إِنْ تَسْمِعُ إِلَّا مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا فَهُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ | جَنَّاتٍ عَن يَمِينٍ وَشِمَالٍ ۗ

3. The following verses: 2:29, 2:99, 22:16, 23:51, 24:1,34, 27:12, 66:8, have feminine nouns ending in ات .

Differentiate between those i'rab which are in

Accusative and those which are **genitive**?



Lesson 23: Signs of I'rāb on nouns

1. Simplest form is when a noun ends with either *fatha*, *kasra*, or *damma* or *fathatayn*, *kasratayn* or *dammatayn*. This applied to the singular forms of nouns, for both masculine and feminine gender. For e.g., on the word دَرَسَ , you can have:

On definite nouns: الدَّرْسِ، الدَّرَسَ، الدَّرْسُ. On indefinite nouns: دَرَسًا، دَرَسٌ. Alif is added to the indefinite accusative, except if it ends with ة, e.g., قَرْيَةً.

2. I'rāb indicated by either letters ون، ين، ان (*alif*, *yā*, or *wān*, followed by *nūn*). E.g., verses Q2:92, 2:132, 20:63, 27:81, 34:15.

3. When a dual or plural noun is *mudāf* then the *nūn* of i'rāb is dropped. See verses Q 4:97, 5:27, 11:114.

4. Nouns in the **dual** form ending with *yā sākin* and *nūn kasra* (يْنِ) indicate either accusative or genitive. See verses 4:36 and 41:29.

Lesson 23: Signs of I'rāb on feminine nouns

1. Feminine nouns ending in **اِتُّ** is in **nominative** form. E.g., 3:97 **ءَايَاتُ بَيِّنَاتٌ | آيَاتُ بَيِّنَاتٌ**

Q: What is the function of **م** on **تُّ**? Note the different ways of writing the same phrase. Other examples are found in 3:7 (x2), 3:133, 11:108, 29:49, 51:20

2. Feminine nouns ending in **اِتِّ** is indication of accusative or genitive forms. E.g., 2:29, 2:99, 22:16, 23:51, 24:1,34, 27:12, 66:8.

Please refer to Lesson 23 (p. 81) in our text. The author does not use the words 'nominative', 'accusative', and 'genitive.' Instead, she writes: *Nouns in the dual form ending with **يُنِ** indicate a **و** or **ِ*** (p. 82). On the next page she writes: *Nouns in the plural for ending with **وَنَ** indicate a **و**.* This is like say that nouns in dual form ending with **يُنِ** indicate accusative (*mansūb*) or genitive (*majrūr*).

Note that for dual and plural (masculine & feminine) the i'rāb are same for accusative and genitive; it needs to be determined by looking at the context of the sentence. E.g., in 6:1 **الظُّلُمَاتِ** and **السَّمَاوَاتِ** are accusative they are direct objects; in 2:33 **السَّمَاوَاتِ** is genitive because it is *mudaf ilayhi* **غَيْبٌ**.

3. Let us do together Exercise found on pp. 84 & 85 of the Text.

Lesson 24: Unchangeable and changeable nouns

Unchangeable (*mabni* – مَبْنِي) nouns stay in original forms (i.e., do not change) whether they are subjects, objects or preceded by prepositions. Here are a few:

هُوَ هُمْ ذَلِكَ الْأَيْكَ الَّذِي الَّتِي مُوسَى عَيْسَى هُدَى

Let us look the following verses from the Quran:

إِنَّ فِي هَذَا لَبَلَاغًا لِّقَوْمٍ عَابِدِينَ 21:106 إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ لَيَقُولُونَ 44:34 وَفِي مُوسَى إِذْ أَرْسَلْنَاهُ 51:38

Changeable (*mu'arrab* – مُعَرَّب) nouns can either be (i) **fully changeable** (مُنْصَرِف), i.e., the letter of the noun can have any one of three vowels (fatha, kasra, damma) with or without tanwīn. Look at following verses from the Quran.

وَقَالُوا يَا صَالِحُ ائْتِنَا بِمَا تَعِدُنَا إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ 7:77 وَإِلَى ثَمُودَ أَخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا 7:73 مِثْلُ مَا أَصَابَ قَوْمَ نُوحٍ أَوْ قَوْمَ هُودٍ أَوْ قَوْمَ صَالِحٍ 11:89 وَإِلَى عَادٍ أَخَاهُمْ هُودًا 7:65 قَالُوا يَا هُودُ مَا جِئْتَنَا بِبَيِّنَةٍ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِتَارِكِي آلِهَتِنَا 11:53

Or (ii) **partly changeable** (غَيْرُ مُنْصَرِف) which means the last letter of the noun will never have any tanwīn nor kasra. Nouns which are partly changeable are:

إِبْرَاهِيمُ دَاوُدُ فَاطِمَةُ فِرْعَوْنَ سُلَيْمَانُ عُلَمَاءُ مَكَّةُ مَرْيَمُ يُسُوفُ

Homework for Session 29

Highlight any three nouns which has i'rāb of nominative, underline any three nouns which has i'rāb of accusative and **bold** any five nouns which has i'rāb of genitive in the following passage from al-Baqarah:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَبِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨﴾ **يُخَادِعُونَ** اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَمَا يُخَادِعُونَ إِلَّا أَنفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٩﴾ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾ كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ ﴿١١﴾ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْمُفْسِدُونَ وَلَكِن لَّا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٢﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ آمِنُوا كَمَا آمَنَ النَّاسُ قَالُوا أَنُؤْمِنُ كَمَا آمَنَ السُّفَهَاءُ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ السُّفَهَاءُ وَلَكِن لَّا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ وَإِذَا لَقُوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَإِذَا خَلَوْا إِلَىٰ شَيَاطِينِهِمْ قَالُوا إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُسْتَهْزِئُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ اللَّهُ يَسْتَهْزِئُ بِهِمْ وَيَمُدُّهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ **يَعْمَهُونَ** ﴿١٥﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ اشْتَرُوا الضَّلَالََةَ بِالْهُدَىٰ فَمَا رَبِحَت **بِجَارِهِمْ** وَمَا كَانُوا مُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٦﴾

Some of you had marked **verbs** as having i'rāb. We have been discussing only nouns.

Learning Quranic Arabic: other resources

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The texts for the course

Level 1 Slides & Recordings at <https://academyofislam.com/ali-607/>

Level 2 Slides & Recordings at <https://academyofislam.com/ali-620>

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