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Qur'anic Arabic - Level 1

Unit \ \ - Root System

Arabic Root System [1/2]

- Arabic is a semitic language
- Arabic is based on patterns
- All words are derived from a “root” word (مَصْدَر)
- “Root” is a set of 3 or 4 consonants
- “Root” represents a core meaning or concept

Arabic Root System [2/2]

- Mostly formed from 3 radicals
- Grammarians use **ل ع ل** to denote the 3 radicals
- *Radical = Root letter*
- Patterns are derived from the “root”
 - large number of derivatives
- By adding **أ ا ت ة س ل م ن ه و ي**
- Eases the learning of vocabulary

English ?

- Example of patterns in English :

necessary	<i>adjective</i>
unnecessary	<i>neg. adjective</i>
necessitate	<i>verb</i>
necessarily	<i>adverb</i>
necessity	<i>noun</i>

- Combination of “necess” (*not regular*)
 - root meaning = “needing”

Root Letters

- كَتَبَ has 3 radicals

ك - ت - ب

- 1st (كَلِمَة) radical = ك
- 2nd (ع كَلِمَة) radical = ت
- 3rd (ل كَلِمَة) radical = ب

- Various words are derived from this root
- All associated with the idea of 'writing' literally or abstractly

Order must be respected,
else meaning changes

ك - ف - ر
vs
ف - ك - ر

How to translate ?

- The root word denotes the action verb in the past tense
- It is for the 3p. sg. masc.

- كَتَبَ = he + wrote
- خَلَقَ = he + created
- جَعَلَ = he + made
- فَعَلَ = he + did
- عَلِمَ = he + knew
- شَرِبَ = he + drank
- كَبُرَ = it + was great / big
- حَسُنَ = it + was good

Root Letters ?
ك ت ب
خ ل ق
ج ع ل
ف ع ل
ع ل م
ش ر ب
ك ب ر
ح س ن

Note :

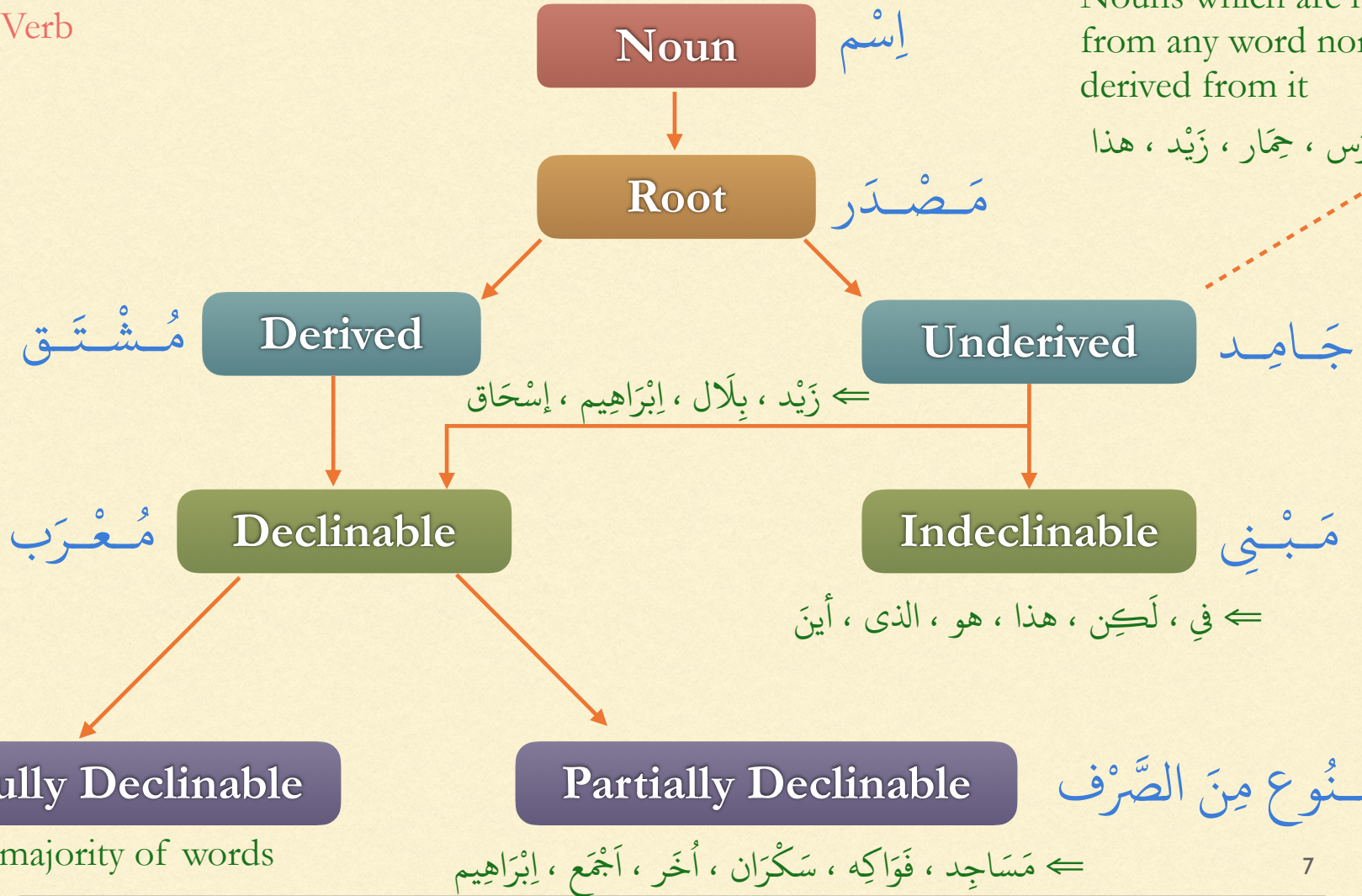
- The 1st and 3rd radicals **always** take fat'ha
- The 2nd radical may take either fat'ha, kas'ra or dam'ma
- “Root words” having ا or و or ي in it, may have different “root letters”
More when we do weak/irregular verbs

Study of صَرْف (morphology)

There are also several derived patterns for the Verb

Nouns which are neither derived from any word nor any word is derived from it

← رَجُلٌ ، بِنْتُ ، فَرَسٌ ، حِمَارٌ ، زَيْدٌ ، هَذَا



Derivatives

ك ت ب

كُتِبَ

كُتِبِي

A bookseller

كِتَابٌ

A book

مَكْتَبٌ

An office

مَكْتَبَةٌ

A library

يَكْتُبُ

He writes

مِكتَابٌ

A typewriter

مُكَاتِبٌ

A reporter

إِسْتِكتَابٌ

A dictation

مَكْتُوبٌ

Sth. written

كَاتِبٌ

A writer

Derivatives

خ ل ق

خَلَقَ

Character, temper

خُلُقٌ

A creation, origination

خَلْقٌ

A creature, sth. created

مَخْلُوقٌ

A creator

خَالِقٌ

Fabrication (made up lies)

إِخْتِلَاقٌ

One who creates repeatedly

خَلَّاقٌ

Qualified, suitable

خَلِيقٌ

He creates

يَخْلُقُ

Morality

أَخْلَاقِيَّةٌ

Ethic, moral

خُلُقِيٌّ

Derivatives

ع ل م

عَلِمَ

أَعْلَمُ

Having more knowledge

عِلْمٌ

Knowledge

مَعْلُومٌ

Sth. which is known

عَالِمٌ

One who knows, scholar

مُعَلِّمٌ

One who teaches, teacher

مُعَلَّمٌ

One who is taught

عَالِمَةٌ

Very learned, erudite

عَالِمَةٌ

Woman scholar

عَلِيمٌ

Knowing, learned

تَعْلِيمٌ

Teaching, instruction

Root Letters

- Some Root words have 4 radicals

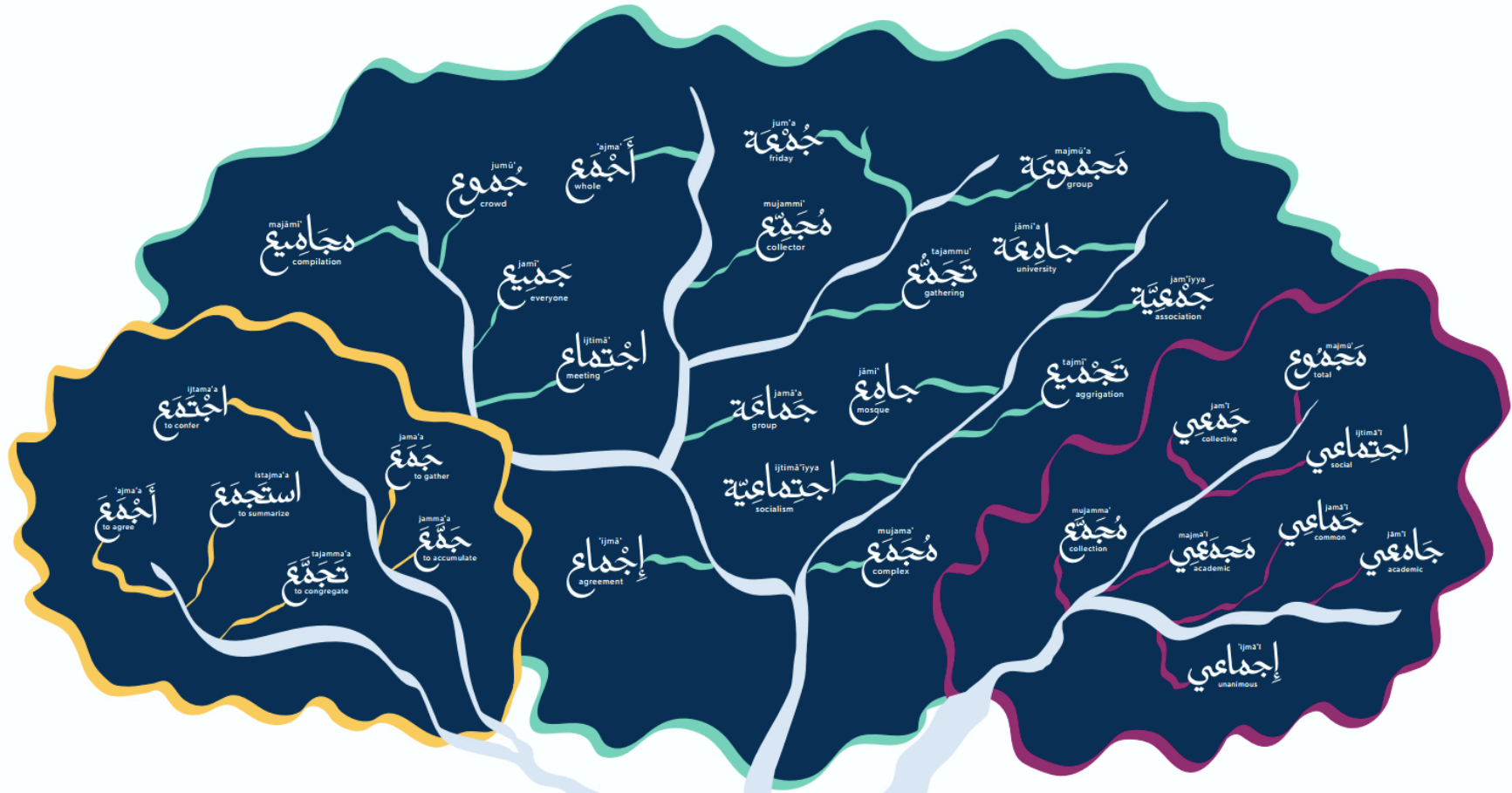
ز - ل - ز - ل	زَلْزَلَ
و - س - و - س	وَسَّوَسَ
ك - ر - ك - ر	كَرَّكَرَ
ع - ر - ق - ل	عَرَقَلَ
ت - ر - ج - م	تَرَجَّمَ

reduuplicated words

Usage

- Learn vocabulary quickly
 - Memorize only the “root” meaning
 - Learn the meaning of derived patterns
 - Adding letters to the base “root”

- To use Arabic dictionary
 - like Hans Wehr / Milton Cowan
 - it is based on “root”



The Arabic Language Root System

Nearly every word in Arabic is based on a combination of three letters that together form a root, with each root representing a different concept. By applying different vowel and stress patterns to these roots, you can derive dozens of different words from it. This graphic displays 31 words all derived from the Arabic root ج-م-ع, and organizes them based on their parts of speech.

ج-م-ع

- Verb
- Noun
- Adj.

Word List 1

How words are written ?

- Root (or Verb) is written as :

يَخْلُقُ \ خَلَقَ
he creates / he created

or simply “ to create ”

Classwork

Enriched meaning

- A single word in Arabic can convey much
- That's the beauty of this language

سَأَلْتُمُونِيهَا

- Verb سَأَلَ (to ask)
- Subject Pronoun
(doer of the action)
- Object Pronoun 1
- Object Pronoun 2

You (pl.) asked me about them/it

Classwork [1/2]

Root Letters	Root Word
ء ك ل	أَكَلَ
ء م ر	أَمَرَ
ج م ع	جَمَعَ
خ ر ج	خَرَجَ
د خ ل	دَخَلَ
س ج د	سَجَدَ
ع ل م	عَلِمَ
غ ف ر	غَفَرَ
ق و م	قَامَ

Classwork [2/2]

Root Letters	Root Word
ح ب ب	حَبَّ
ك ف ر	كَفَّرَ
ك و ن	كَانَ
م و ت	مَاتَ
ن ص ر	نَصَرَ
ظ ن ن	ظَنَّ
د ع و	دَعَا
ر م ي	رَمَى
خ ش ي	خَشِيَ

Homework

Unit 9 & 10

Word Revision

Questions / Info ?

Close books

Vocabulary

Next Week

Exercise Unit 10

Du'a

مَعَ السَّلَامَةِ