
القرآن الكريم

Qur'anic Arabic - Level 1

Unit ١٩ - Past tense - كَانَ

Active - الْفِعْلُ الْمَعْرُوفُ

خَلَقَ اللَّهُ الْإِنْسَانَ

Allah created mankind

- **3** components :
 - a) subject = **Allah**
 - b) (active) verb = **created**
 - c) object = **mankind**

Passive - الْفِعْلُ الْمَجْهُولُ

خُلِقَ الْإِنْسَانُ

Mankind was created

English : Mankind was created “by Allah”

Arabic : this construction does not exist

- **2** components :
 - a) (passive) verb = **was created**
 - b) object = **mankind** ⇒ **subject acted upon**

Preference noun

- A noun used to compare another noun in quality or quantity - i.e. superiority

2 types :

- a) Comparative
- b) Superlative

- on the pattern of أَفْعَلُ
- this pattern is “diptote”, no tanween

Comparative

2 nouns are compared :

- the first noun is greater in quality or quantity than the second noun
- particle مِنْ is used to compare

وَالْفِتْنَةُ أَكْبَرُ مِنَ الْقَتْلِ

Preferred to

Preference
noun

Preferred

Comparative

Another example :

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Preference noun

Preferred

- Here مِنْ and “Preferred to” are omitted
- Literally means : “Allah is Greater” => but greater than what ?
- So, rendered as “Allah is the Greatest”

Superlative

Express the highest degree of comparison :

- one is superior against all others

I. Prefixing article **أَلْ** to **أَفْعَلُ**

حَامِدٌ الْأَكْبَرُ

Hamid is the greatest

Superlative

2. Genitive noun following أَفْعَلُ

فَاطِمَةُ أَحْسَنُ طَالِبَةٍ

Fatimah is the best student

Note : أَحْسَنُ is invariant for masc. and femn.

But الْأَحْسَنُ is for masc. and الْحُسْنَى is for femn.

Superlative

3. Possessive phrase (الإِضَافَةُ)

the Best Judge of all judges	أَحْكَمُ الْحَكَمِينَ
the Most Merciful of the merciful	أَرْحَمُ الرَّحِمِينَ
the lowest of the low	أَسْفَلَ سَفَلِينَ

Diminutive

- On the pattern of فُعَيْلٌ

زَهْرًا | زُهَيْرًا

هَرًا | هُرَيْرَةً

سُلَيْمَانٌ ؟

إِبْنًا | بُنْيًى

سَلْمَانٌ

عَبْدًا | عُبَيْدًا

Verb - كَانَ

- It is used only in a nominal sentence
 - change its declension/case (إعراب)
- The sentence remains nominal sentence although it begins with the verb كَانَ
- The مُبْتَدَأٌ is called اِسْمُ كَانٍ (Noun)
 - and is in **nominative**
- The خَبَرٌ is called خَبَرُ كَانٍ (Predicate)
 - and is in **accusative**

Verb - كَان

اللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ

خَبَرٌ

مُبْتَدَأٌ

كَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا

خَبَرٌ كَانٌ

إِسْمٌ كَانٌ

Allah // is [always] // ever Knowing // Wise

Verb - كَانَ

- كَانَ relates the subject to the خَبْرَ
- If خَبْرَ is a Prepositional phrase, it remains in Genitive
- خَبْرَ can be a verbal sentence

كَانَ يَلْعَبُ فِي الْحَدِيقَةِ

He was playing in the garden

Tenses / Moods

Past	كَانَ	He was
Present	يَكُونُ	He is
Imperative	كُنْ	Be !

Verb - كَانَ

Refer to table
in the book

Classwork
Question-based

Midterm = 4th Sep

(No online option

- only in class)

(Unit 1 - 19)

٢:٢١٣ - ١

Adjective

حَبِيرٌ

إِسْمٌ

كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً

Mankind // was // one single nation
[before their deviation]

*The pronoun is not
part of the Ayah*

2 - ٢:٣٤

Prepositional
phrase

حَبْرَ

إِسْمِ

وَكَانَ (هُوَ) مِنَ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ

And // he was // of // the disbelievers

3 - ٢٧:٤٣

اِسْمِ اِسْمِ حَبْرِ
اِنَّهَا كَانَتْ (هِيَ) مِنْ قَوْمٍ كٰفِرِيْنَ
حَبْرِ

Indeed // she was // from //
a disbelieving // people

4 - ٦٦:١٢

Prepositional
phrase

حَبْرَ
إِسْمِ
وَكَاَنْتُ (هِيَ) مِنْ اَلْقَانِيْنَ

And // she was // of // the devout (servant)

5 - ٢١:٨٧

Exception

Negation

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ

مضاف إليه

There is // no // deity // except // You
- exalted are You

6 - ٢١:٨٧

إِسْمٌ حَبِيرٌ

إِنِّي كُنْتُ (أَنَا) مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Indeed // I was // of // the wrongdoers

7 - ٤٣:٦٩

حَبْرَ إِسْمِ

كَانُوا (هُمْ) مُسْلِمِينَ

They were // Muslims

8 - ٥١:١٦

حَبِيرٌ Adverb اِسْمٌ اِسْمٌ

اِنَّهُمْ اِذَا كَانُوا قَبْلَ ذٰلِكَ مُحْسِنِيْنَ

مضاف إليه

Indeed // they were // before //
that // doers of good

why **أُمَّةٌ** ?

٩ - ٣:١١٠

Passive

إِسْمٌ خَيْرٌ

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ

مُضَافٌ إِلَيْهِ

You are // the best // nation // produced or raised [as an example] // for mankind

not رَبَّنَا

١٥ - ٦٨:٢٩

خَبْرٌ

إِسْمٌ
إِسْمٌ

Absolute
Accusative

Active +
subject

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ

خَبْرٌ

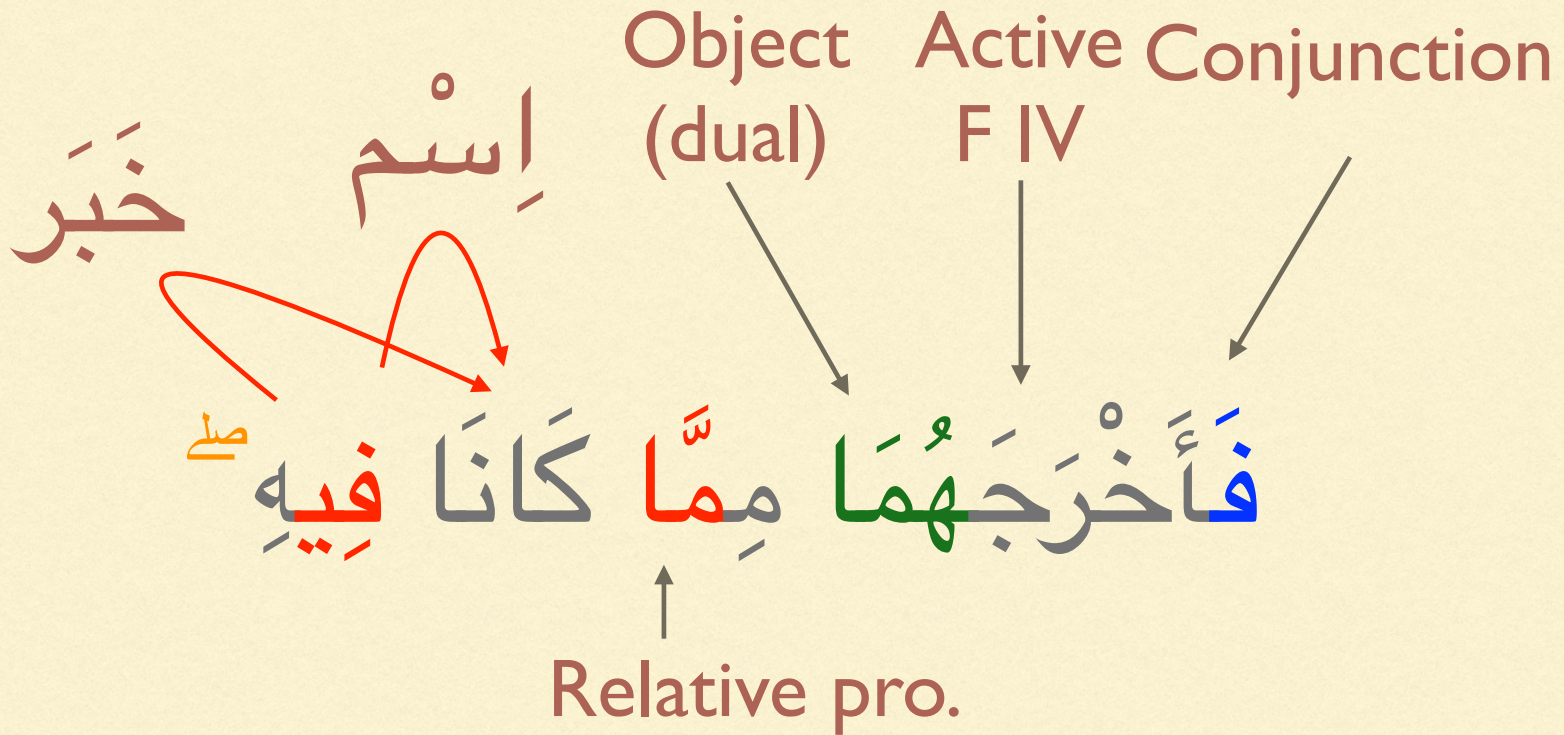
مُضَافٌ إِلَيْهِ

مُضَافٌ إِلَيْهِ

They said, "Exalted is our Sustainer !
Indeed // we were // wrongdoers."

مِمَّا = مِنْ + مَا

۱۱ - ۲:۳۶



So he* removed them both from that [condition] in which they both were

12 - ٢:٦٤

Conditional
particle

Prep.

مُبْتَدَأٌ

Resum.

مضاف إليه

فَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ

مضاف إليه

And if not for the favor of Allah
upon you (pl.) and His mercy

13 - ٢:٦٤

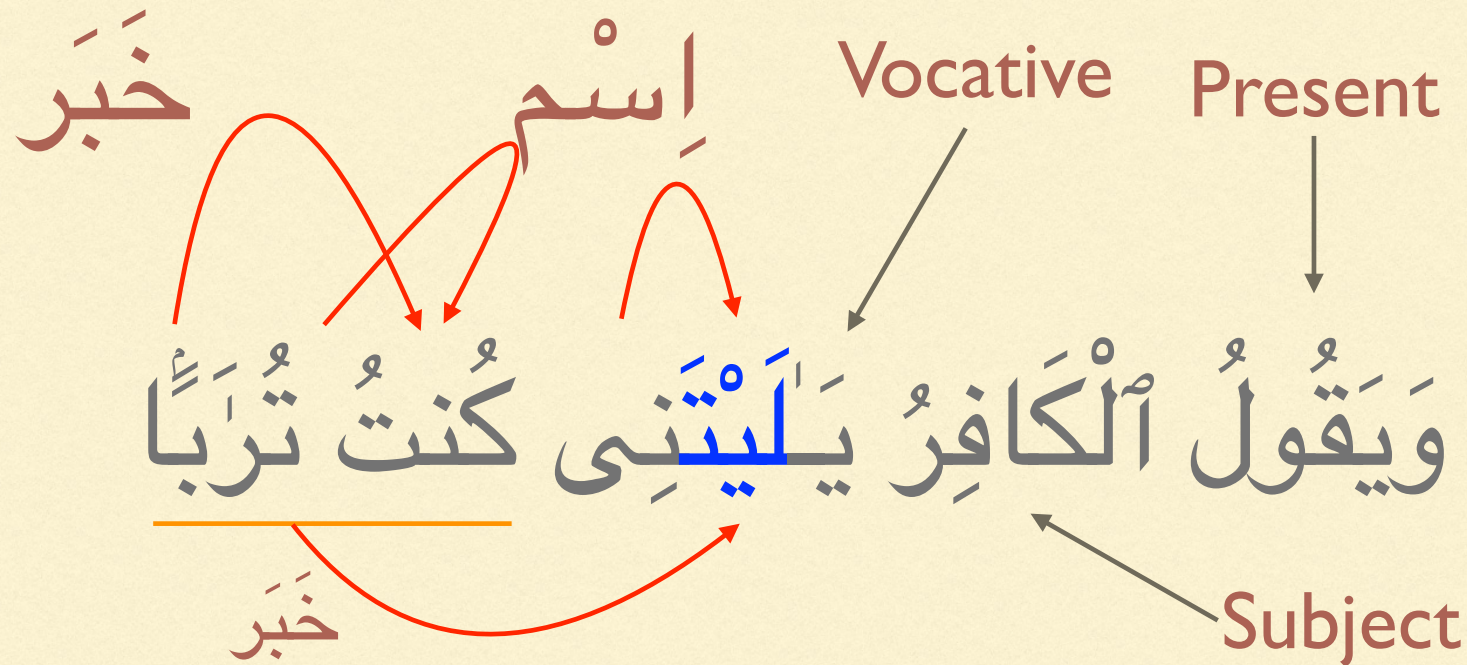
حَبِيرَ إِسْمِ

Emphasis

لَكُنْتُمْ مِّنَ الْخَسِرِينَ

Certainly // you would have been
among // the losers

sister of إِنَّ = لَيْتَ 14 - ٧٨:٤٠



And the disbeliever will say,
“Oh, if only [would that] I were dust!”

15 - ٤:٩٦

خَبِيرٌ

إِسْمٌ

Resum.

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

And // Allah is (always) //
ever Forgiving // Merciful

Word Revision

Questions / Info ?

Close books

Vocabulary

Next Week

Exercise Unit 19

Du'a

مَعَ السَّلَامَةِ