
القرآن الكريم

Qur'anic Arabic - Level 1

Unit ١٥ - Past Tense (III)

جَمْع

مُثَنَّى

مُفْرَد

Translation	Plural	Translation	Dual	Translation	Singular
they (all) wrote	هُم كَتَبُوا	they (both) wrote	هُمَا كَتَبَا	he wrote	هُوَ كَتَبَ
they (all) wrote	هُنَّ كَتَبْنَ	they (both) wrote	هُمَا كَتَبَتَا	she wrote	هِيَ كَتَبَتْ
you (all) wrote	أَنْتُمْ كَتَبْتُمْ	you (both) wrote	أَنْتُمَا كَتَبْتُمَا	you wrote	أَنْتَ كَتَبْتَ
you (all) wrote	أَنْتُنَّ كَتَبْتُنَّ	you (both) wrote	أَنْتُمَا كَتَبْتُمَا	you wrote	أَنْتِ كَتَبْتِ
we wrote	نَحْنُ كَتَبْنَا	-	-	I wrote	أَنَا كَتَبْتُ

3p. m.

3p. f.

2p. m.

2p. f.

1p.

Essentials of verbal sent.

1. Arabic verb changes according to subject :
 - Masculine doer must have masculine verb
 - Feminine doer must have feminine verb

قَرَأَ مَاجِدٌ

Madjid read

قَرَأَتْ عَائِشَةُ

'Aisha read

Essentials of verbal sent.

2. If subject is a mixed group of male & female \Rightarrow masculine verb is used

الأَوْلَادُ وَالْبَنَاتُ دَخَلُوا الْمَدْرَسَةَ

The boys and the girls entered the school

Essentials of verbal sent.

3. Attached pronouns to a verb are objects

أَخَذَهُ إِلَى الْمَدْرَسَةِ

He took **him** to the school

أَخَذَنِي وَالِدِي إِلَى السُّوقِ

My father took **me** to the market

Essentials of verbal sent.

4. Doer of action is usually “hidden” within the verb, unless specified elsewhere in the sentence
5. Verb can come **before** or **after** the subject
6. Plural verbs are only used for human

Essentials of verbal sent.

7. If the subject is plural but non-human, it is considered (grammatically) as being singular feminine (هـى)

8. This is a very important concept in Arabic since there is virtually no exception to this rule

Essentials of verbal sent.

8. If the subject is a group of humans, the verb will be singular if the verb comes **before** the subject

دَخَلَ الرَّجَالُ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ

The men entered the masjid/mosque

After subject Before subject

كَتَبَتِ الْبَنَاتُ الْخِطَابَاتَ ، ثُمَّ خَرَجْنَ

The girls wrote the letters and then, they went out

Essentials of verbal sent.

8. This rule is only for 3rd person and agrees only in gender (not in number)

(sing. m.) ذَهَبَ الْوَلَدُ

(pl. m.) ذَهَبَ الْأَوْلَادُ

(sg. f.) ذَهَبَتِ الْبِنْتُ

(pl. f.) ذَهَبَتِ الْبَنَاتُ

Essentials of verbal sent.

9. If the subject is a group of humans, the verb will agree in gender & number, if it comes **after** the subject

After subject

الأَوْلَادُ جَلَسُوا فِي الْفَصْلِ

The boys sat in the class

Essentials of verbal sent.

Condition for 3 rd person (<i>humans</i>)	Verb agrees in Gender	Verb agrees in Number
Verb comes <u>before</u> Subject	✓	✗
Verb comes <u>after</u> Subject	✓	✓

Essentials of verbal sent.

plural, human singular verb plural verb

إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ

قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ

When the hypocrites come to you, [O Muhammad],
they say, "We testify that you are the Messenger of Allah."

Essentials of verbal sent.

10. Exception in Quran

fem. masc.
↑ ↑
وَقَالَ نِسْوَةٌ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ (١٢:٣٠)

And women in the city said ...

masc. femn.
↑ ↗
قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا (٤٩:١٤)

The bedouins said ...

Essentials of verbal sent.

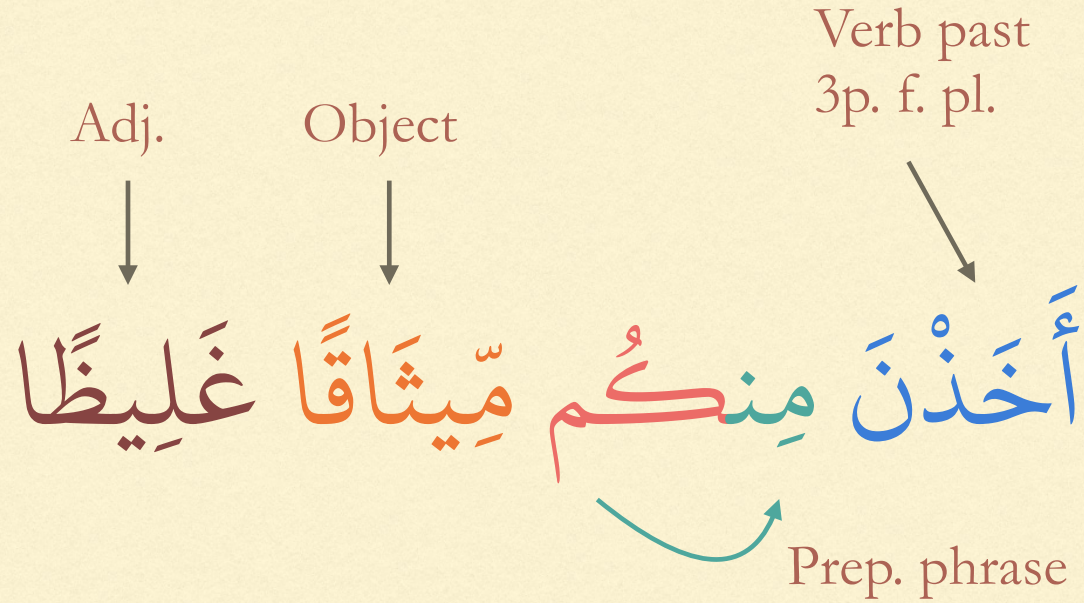
10. This exception is found in Quran and other
Classical Arabic texts

- used for rhetoric reasons
- when the broken plural form is used for human
- other reasons (unclear)

Classwork

٤:٢١ - |

أَخَذَ \ يَأْخُذُ
to take



They (f.) have taken ~ from you
~ a solemn ~ covenant

2 - ١٢:٣١

رَأَى \ يَرَى

to see

Radical : ر ء ي

Object

Verb past
3p. f. pl.

فَلَمَّا رَأَيْنَهُ

And ~ when ~ they (f.) saw ~ him

3 - ١٥:٨٥

خَلَقَ \ يَخْلُقُ
to create, make

Object

Verb past
1p. pl.

خَلَقْنَا السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ

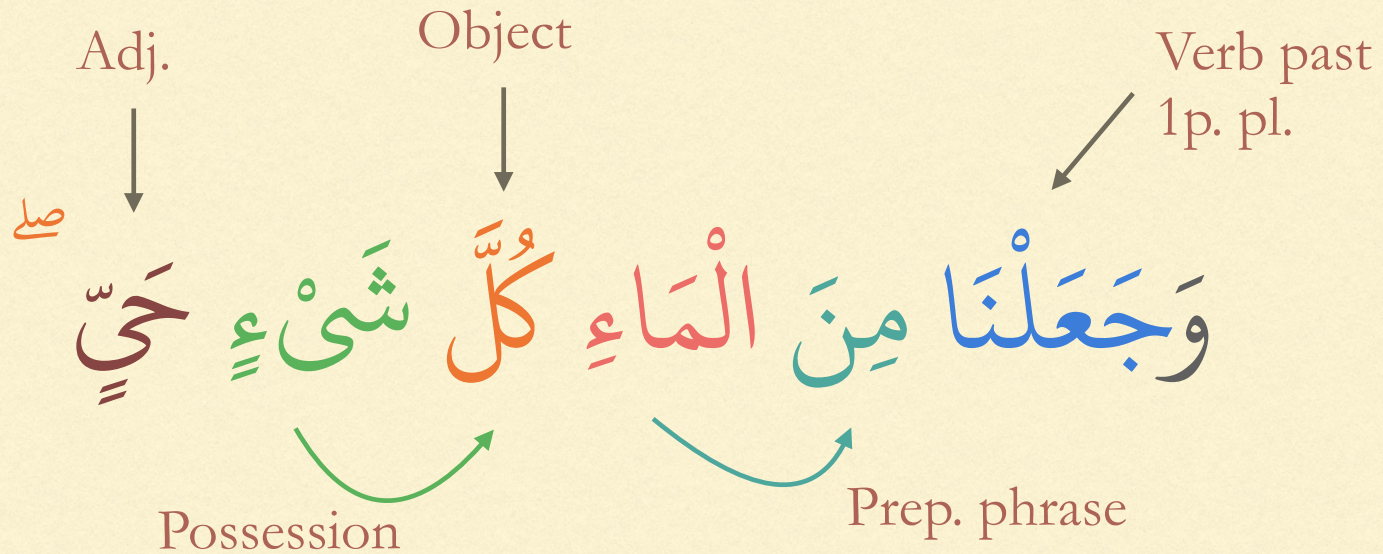
follows

We ~ created ~ the heavens and earth

4 - ٢١:٣٠

جَعَلَ \ يَجْعَلُ

to make



And ~ We made ~ from water
~ every ~ living thing

6 - ٢:٢٨٥

سَمِعَ \ يَسْمَعُ

to hear

أَطَاعَ \ يُطِيعُ

to obey, submit
(form IV)

Verb past
1p. pl.

Verb past
1p. pl.

صلة

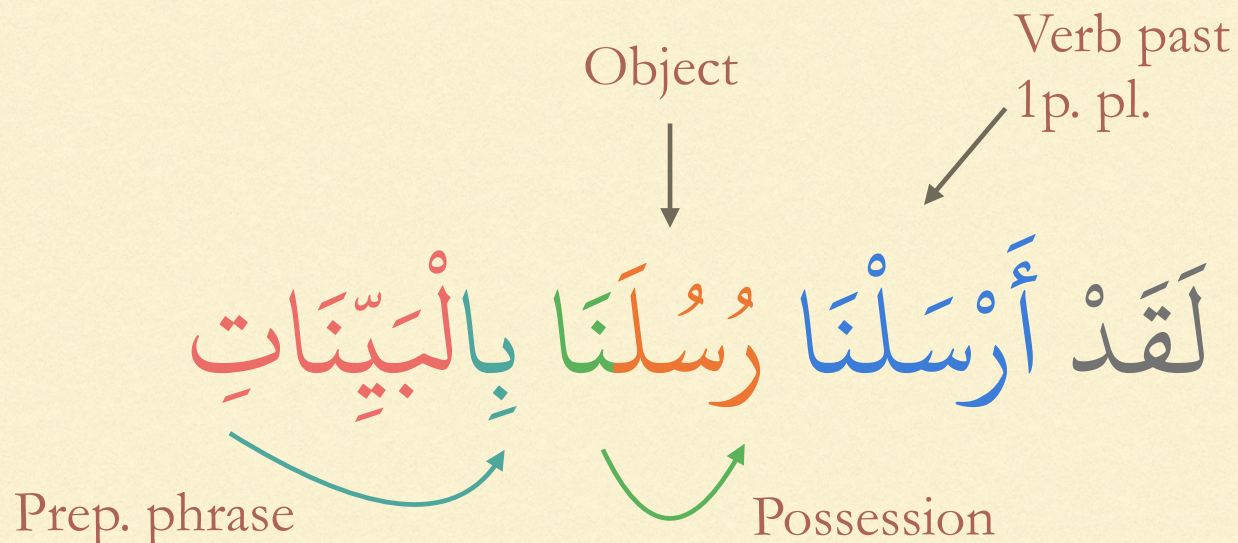
سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا

We hear ~ and ~ we obey

Detailed explanation
on قَدْ in Unit 18

7 - ٢٥:٥٧

أَرْسَلَ \ يُرْسِلُ
to send, dispatch
(form IV)



We have already sent ~ Our messengers
~ with ~ clear evidences

أَرْسَلَ \ يُرْسِلُ
to send, dispatch
(form IV)

8 - ۱۱:۹۶

Object
↓
Verb past
1p. pl.
وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا

Possession
Prep. phrase

And ~ We did certainly send ~
Musa (a.s.) ~ with ~ Our signs

٩ - ٢٨:٢٠

جَاءَ \ يَجِيءُ

to come

Radical : ج ي ء

Subject, s.

Verb past

3p. m. s.

وَجَاءَ رَجُلٌ

And ~ a man ~ came

١٧:٨١ - ١٠

جَاءَ \ يَجِيءُ

to come

Radical : ج ي ء

Subject, s.

Verb past
3p. m. s.

جَاءَ الْحَقُّ

The truth ~ has come

١٩:١٢ - ١١

جَاءَ \ يَجِيءُ

to come

Radical : ج ي ء

Subject, s. f.

Verb past

3p. f. s.

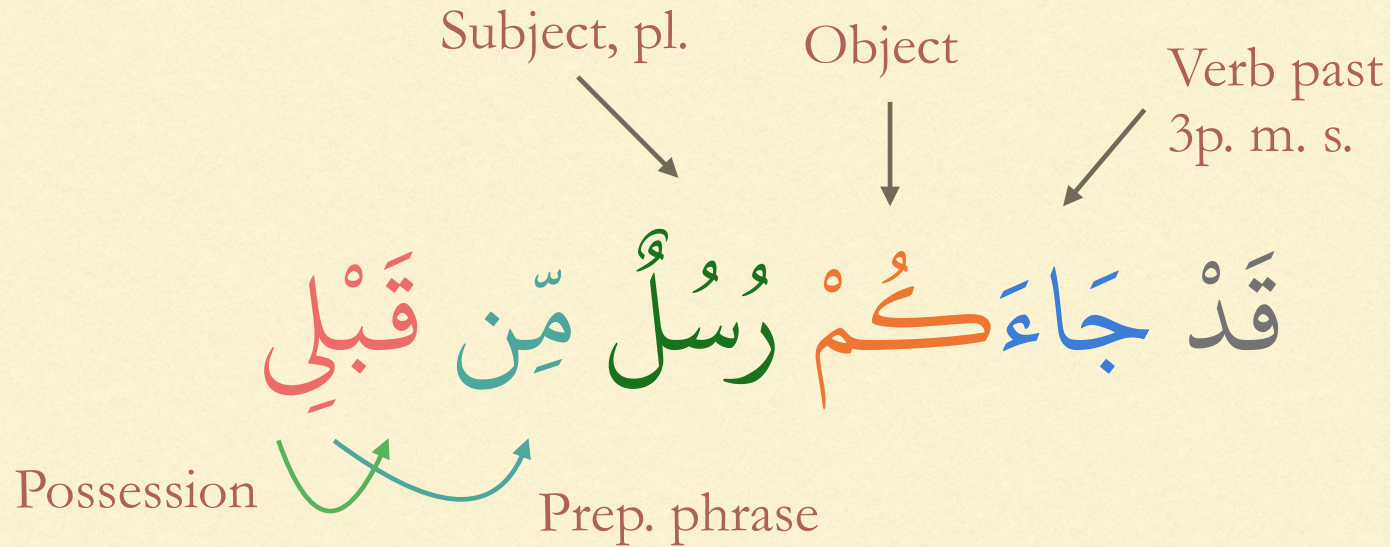
وَجَاءَتْ سَيَّارَةٌ

And ~ a caravan ~ came

جَاءَ \ يَجِيءُ
to come

Radical : ج ي ء

12 - ٣:١٨٣

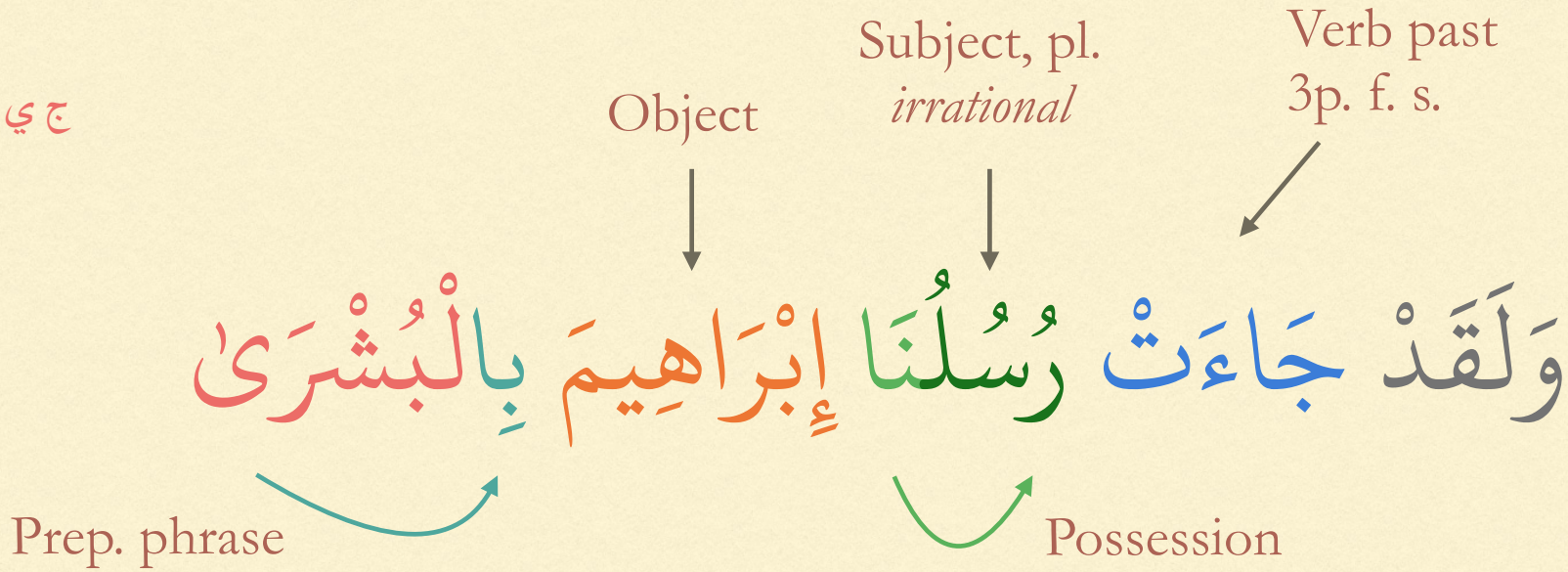


There have already come ~ to you
~ messengers ~ before me

جَاءَ \ يَجِيءُ
to come

Radical : ج ي ء

13 - ١١:٦٩



And ~ certainly ~ Our messengers ~ came
~ to ~ Ibrahim (a.s.) ~ with ~ good tidings

14 - ٦٠:١٢

Subject, pl., f.
exception

Object

Verb past
3p. m. s.

Callee

Vocative
particle

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتُ

O Prophet! When ~ the believing women
~ come ~ to you

15 - ٦٠:١٢

دَخَلَ \ يَدْخُلُ
to enter, come in

Subject, pl.

Verb past
3p. m. s.

عَرَفَ \ يَعْرِفُ
to know, to be familiar

Verb past
3p. m. pl.

وَجَاءَ إِخْوَةُ يُوسُفَ

Possession

Object

فَدَخَلُوا عَلَيْهِ فَعَرَفَهُمْ

Prep. phrase

Verb past
3p. m. s.

And ~ the brothers of Yusuf a.s. ~ came
[seeking food] ~ and they entered ~ upon him ;

~ and ~ he recognized them

Word Revision

Questions / Info ?

Close books

Vocabulary

Next Week

Exercise Unit 15

Du'a

مَعَ السَّلَامَةِ