The Objective (المفعول) Al-mafool

Class objective: In this class we learn the direct objective in Arabic.

Concept A: Direct Object: المفعول به:

A direct object is that thing upon which an action is enacted. For example, when Zaid hits Amr, Zaid is the one doing the hitting and Amr is the one upon whom the hitting is done. Thus Amr is the object.

Examples:

English	Transliteration	Arabic
The man ate his food.	Akala al-rajulu ta'amahu.	أكل الرجل طعامه.
The student read a book.	Qara'a al-ttalibu kitaban.	قرأ الطالب كتابا.
Hamid hit the Zaid.	Zaraba Hamidun Zaidan.	ضرب حامد زیدا.

Concept B: The following things can become direct objects:

- A single noun, whether declinable or indeclinable.
- Many types of phrases (but not all; e.g. not جار-مجرور directly).
- A sentence (but it must be introduced by أنّ, for example).

Examples:

English	Transliteration	Arabic
I heard that you failed your test.	Samitu annaka rasabta fi imtihaniki.	سمعت أنّك رسبت في امتحانك
I gave you some of my money.	Aataituka baaza mali.	أعطيتك بعض مالي.
I made you privy of the fact that Amr is virtuous.	Aalamtuka amran fazilan.	أعلمتك عمرا فاضلا

Concept C: Position in the Sentence:

1. The standard position for the direct object is after both the verb and its subject.

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