Simple Present Tense

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Class Objective:

I will be able to learn simple present tense in Arabic.

Concept A: Introduction

We spoke earlier about the past tense of Arabic verbs and learnt that the root verb is always in the past tense. We also learnt the types of root verbs according to their minimum number of letters. Today, we are going to speak about the present tense and how to conjugate it from the past (root).

A present tense refers to an unfinished action. We said earlier that the form of the verb depends on which tense it is. So, to get the present tense, we simply add one of the present tense letters to the beginning of the past (root) verb.

The Present Tense Letters (Prefixes) are:

- * The Hamza ([†]) refers to the first person singular (^{uj}).
- * The Noon (غ) refers to the first person plural (نحن).
- * The Taa (غ) refers to the person addressed (you أنت) in all genders and numbers.
- * The Yaa (بـ) refers to the third person masculine singular, dual and plural; (هو / هما / هما)
- * The Taa (ت) refers to the third person feminine singular, dual and plural; (هي / هي / هن ا

Since a verb must agree with its subject in both number and gender, so the shape of present tense verbs looks as follows:

Conjugation with "Infinitive to write"

HE WROTE	كتبَ	Past (root) Verb
First Person (انا =)	ٱكْتُبُ	Hamza + Past Verb
First Person (We = نحنُ)	بْثَكْثُ	Naa' + Past verb
Second Person (You = أنث)	تَكْتُبُ	Taa of the Subject + Past Verb
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