

Past Verb

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(Al-mazi)

Class objective: In this class we will discuss past verbs.

Concept A: Introduction:

- When conjugating verbs in Arabic, what should be kept in mind are the following 3 aspects of the subject (i.e. the one doing the verb):
- Person (third, second, and first): The third person is used when you are talking about the subject and the subject is not present, the second person is used when you are addressing the subject, and the first person is used when you yourself are the subject.
- Gender (masculine and feminine)
- Plurality (singular, dual, and plural)
- Arabic uses all three persons and it uses the masculine and feminine genders with no neutral. Furthermore, plurality in Arabic is of three types: singular, dual, and plural. Dual indicates on two entities and plural indicates on three or more entities.

Concept B: Conjugation of past verb;

Conjugation			ن، ص، ر
3rd person	Masculine	Singular	نَصَرَ (he helped)

The rest of the conjugations are achieved by adding suffixes to this most basic form. Read the table below, studying the endings in each conjugation.

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3rd person	Masculine	Singular	نَصَرَ (he helped)
		Dual	نَصَرَا (they helped)
		Plural	نَصَرُوا (they helped)
	Feminine	Singular	نَصَرَتْ (she helped)

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