

Past Tense 1

الفعل الماضي ١

Class objective: We learn in this lesson how to make simple and some rules about the same.

Concept A - Basic rules regarding simple past and it's conjugation.

- A verb in the past tense refers to an action that was finished some time in the past (before speaking); e.g. محمد ذهب إلى المدرسة = Mohammad went to school.
- The root verb in Arabic is always in the past tense; e.g. كَتَبَ = he wrote.

1 – A Threefold Verb الفعل الثلاثي : that which has three letters as its root; كَتَبَ = He wrote

2 – A Fourfold Verb الفعل الرباعي : that which has four letters as its root; أَطْلَقَ = He launched.

(These two types are called Mojarrad Verbs الأفعال المجردة)

3 – A Fivefold Verb الفعل الخماسي : that which has five letters as its root; تَعَلَّمَ = He learnt.

4 – A Sixfold Verb الفعل السداسي : that which has six letters as its root; اسْتَخْرَجَ = He took/dug out.

(These two types of Verbs belong to the Mazeed Verbs الأفعال المزيّدة)

How to make Simple Past Tense (three-fold) into Arabic.

- For basic past tense conjugation, called الماضي in Arabic, the root of the verb, that is ذهب , is then followed by a suffix according to who or what it is referring to.
- When looking at an Arabic-English dictionary the verb will be listed under the root. This root is also the singular male form of the verb. It is very important to note what form the root of the verb takes (this is for when one wants to become advanced). This can cause the root of the verb to change in accordance to the conjugation. TO GO is a basic verb that stays constant through out.

Please find the conjugation of simple past from infinitive " الذهاب " .

English	Transliteration	Arabic
He went	Zahaba	ذهب
They went M D	Zahabaa	ذهبوا
They went M P	Zahabu	ذهبوا
She went	Zahabat	ذهبت
They went F D	Zahabata	ذهبتا

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