Present verb

(الأفعال المضارع) Al-af'aalu al-muzare

Class objective: In this class we will discuss Present verbs in Arabic.

Concept A: 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* (أ) refers to the first person singular (الله).
- The *Noon* (غ) referring to the first person plural (نحن)
- The *Taa* (غ) referring to the person addressed (you أنت) in all genders and numbers.
- The Yaa (بـ) referring to the third person masculine singular, dual and plural;
 (هو / هما / هم).
- The Taa (ت) referring to the third person feminine singular, dual and plural; (هی / هما / هنّ) .

Concept B: Conjugations of Present Verb

He or It	yaktubu	یکْتُبُ
They (masc.) two	yaktubaan	يكْتُبان
they (group masc.)	yaktubuuna	یکْتَبونَ
You (masc.)	taktubu	تكْتُبُ
You two (masc. or fem.)	yaktubaan	یکْتُبان
they (group fem.)	yaktubnna	يكْتُبان
You (masc.)	taktubu	تكْتُبُ
You two (masc. or fem.)	taktubaan	تكْتُبان

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