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# QUR'ANIC ARABIC - LEVEL 1

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Unit ١٩ - Past tense - كَانَ

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# Active - الْفِعْلُ الْمَعْرُوفُ

خَلَقَ اللهُ الْإِنْسَانَ

Allah created mankind

- **3** components :
  - a) subject = **Allah**
  - b) (active) verb = **created**
  - c) object = **mankind**

# Passive - الْفِعْلُ الْمَجْهُولُ

خُلِقَ الْإِنْسَانُ

Mankind was created

English : Mankind was created “by Allah”

Arabic : this construction does not exist

- 2 components :
  - a) (passive) verb = was created
  - b) object = mankind ⇒ subject acted upon

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# Preference noun

- A noun used to compare another noun in quality or quantity - i.e. superiority

## 2 types :

- a) Comparative
- b) Superlative

- on the pattern of أَفْعَلُ
- this pattern is “diptote”, no tanween

# Comparative

2 nouns are compared :

- the first noun is greater in quality or quantity than the second noun
- particle مِنْ is used to compare

وَالْفِتْنَةُ أَكْبَرُ مِنَ الْقَتْلِ

Preferred to

Preference

Preferred

noun

# Comparative

Another example :

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Preference noun

Preferred

- Here مِنْ and “Preferred to” are omitted
- Literally means : “Allah is Greater” => but greater than what ?
- So, rendered as “Allah is the Greatest”

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# Superlative

Express the highest degree of comparison :

- one is superior against all others

I. Prefixing article **أَفْعَلُ** to **أَلْ**

حَامِدٌ الْأَكْبَرُ

Hamid is the greatest

# Superlative

2. Genitive noun following أَفْعَلُ

فَاطِمَةُ أَحْسَنُ طَالِبَةٍ

Fatimah is the best student

Note : أَحْسَنُ is invariant for masc. and femn.

But الْأَحْسَنُ is for masc. and الْحُسْنَى is for femn.



# Superlative

## 3. Possessive phrase ( الإِضَافَةُ )

the Best Judge of all judges	أَحْكَمُ الْوَحَاكِمِينَ
the Most Merciful of the merciful	أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ
the lowest of the low	أَسْفَلَ السَّافِلِينَ

# Diminutive

- On the pattern of فُعَيْلٌ

زَهْرًا | زُهَيْرًا

هَرًا | هُرَيْرَةً

سُلَيْمَانًا ؟

إِبْنًا | بُنْيَانًا

سَلْمَانًا

عَبْدًا | عُيَيْدًا

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# Verb - كَانَ

- It is used only in a nominal sentence
  - change its declension/case (إعراب)
- The sentence remains nominal sentence although it begins with the verb كَانَ
- The مُبْتَدَأُ is called إِسْمُ كَانٍ (Noun)
  - and is in nominative
- The خَبَرٌ is called خَبَرُ كَانٍ (Predicate)
  - and is in accusative

# Verb - كَانَ

اللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ

خَيْرٌ

مُبْتَدَأٌ



كَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا

خَيْرٌ كَانَ

إِسْمٌ كَانَ

Allah // is [always] // ever Knowing // Wise

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## Verb - كَانَ

- كَانَ relates the subject to the **خَبَر**
- If **خَبَر** is a Prepositional phrase, it remains in Genitive
- **خَبَر** can be a verbal sentence

كَانَ يَلْعَبُ فِي الْحَدِيقَةِ

He was playing in the garden

# Tenses / Moods

Past	كَانَ	He was
Present	يَكُونُ	He is
Imperative	كُنْ	Be !

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# Verb - كَانَ

Refer to table  
in the book

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# Classwork

## Question-based

Midterm = 29 Sept.



١ - ٢:٢١٣

Adjective

حَبِيرٌ

إِسْمٌ

كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً

Mankind // was // one single nation  
[before their deviation]

## 2 - ٢:٣٤

حَبِيرٌ  
إِسْمٌ

Prepositional  
phrase

وَكَانَ (هُوَ) مِنْ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ

And // he was // of // the disbelievers

3 - ٢٧:٤٣

اِسْمِ اِسْمِ حَبْرٍ  
اِنِّهَا كَانَتْ (هِيَ) مِنْ قَوْمٍ كَافِرِيْنَ  
حَبْرٍ

Indeed // she was // from //  
a disbelieving // people

4 - ٦٦:١٢

حَبِيرٌ

إِسْمٌ

Prepositional  
phrase

وَكَاَنَتْ (هِيَ) مِنْ أَلْقَابِيَّتِينَ

And // she was // of // the devout (servant)

# 5 - ٢١:٨٧

Exception

Negation

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ

مضاف إليه

There is // no // deity // except // You  
- exalted are You

6 - ٢١:٨٧

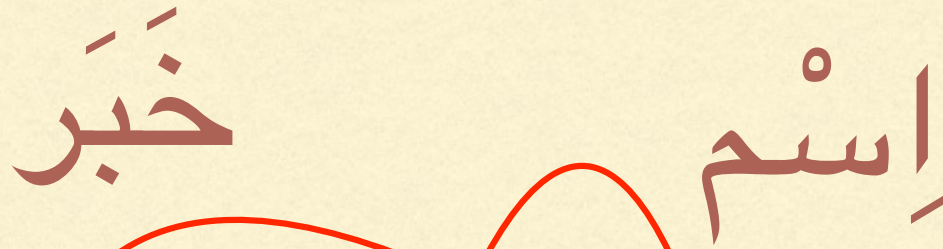
حَبِيرٌ  
إِسْمٌ

إِنِّي كُنْتُ (أَنَا) مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Indeed // I was // of // the wrongdoers

7 - ٤٣:٦٩

حَبِيرِ اِسْمِ



كَانُوا (هُمْ) مُسْلِمِينَ

They were // Muslims

# 8 - ٥١:١٦

حَبِيرٌ      Adverb      اِسْمٌ      اِسْمٌ

اِنَّهُمْ      كَانُوا      قَبْلَ      ذٰلِكَ      مُحْسِنِيْنَ

مُضَافٌ اِلَيْهِ

Indeed // they were // before //  
that // doers of good



why **أُمَّةٌ** ?

٩ - ٣:١١٠

Passive

إِسْمٌ حَبِيبٌ

كُنْتُمْ حَبِيبٌ أُمَّةٌ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ

مُضَافٌ إِلَيْهِ

You are // the best // nation // produced or raised [as an example] // for mankind

not رَبَّنَا

١٥ - ٦٨:٢٩

حَبْرٍ

إِسْمِ إِسْمِ

Absolute  
Accusative

Active +  
subject

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ

حَبْرٍ

مضاف إليه

مضاف إليه

They said, "Exalted is our Sustainer !  
Indeed // we were // wrongdoers."

مِمَّا = مِنْ + مَا

۲:۳۶ - ۱۱

حَبِيرِ  
إِسْمِ

Object (dual)  
Active Conjunction  
F IV

فَاخْرَجَهُمَا مِمَّا كَانَا فِيهِ

Relative pro.

So he\* removed them both from that [condition] in which they both were

١٢ - ٢:٦٤

Conditional  
particle

Prep.

مُبْتَدَأٌ

Resum.

مضاف إليه

فَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ

مضاف إليه

And if not for the favor of Allah  
upon you (pl.) and His mercy

# ١٣ - ٢:٦٤

حَبْرَ إِسْمِ

Emphasis

لَكُنْتُمْ مِّنَ الْخَسِرِينَ

Certainly // you would have been  
among // the losers

sister of <sup>ا</sup>اِنَّ = لَيْتَ 14 - ٧٨:٤٠

حَبْرُ  
اسْمُ  
Vocative  
Present  
وَيَقُولُ الْكَافِرُ يَلَيْتَنِي كُنْتُ تُرَابًا  
حَبْرُ  
Subject

And the disbeliever will say,  
“Oh, if only [would that] I were dust!”

٤:٩٦ - ١٥

إِسْمُ حَبْرٍ

Resum.

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

And // Allah is (always) //  
ever Forgiving // Merciful

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# Word Revision

Questions / Info ?

Close books

Vocabulary



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**Next Week**

# Exercise Unit 19

Du'a

مَعَ السَّلَامَةِ