

Mastering Arabic: Forms of the verb

Regular verbs

Below is a table of the patterns for regular forms of the verb.

	Present	Past	Verbal noun	Active part.	Passive part.
II	يُفَعِّلُ	فَعَّلَ	تَفْعِيلٌ	مُفَعِّلٌ	مُفَعَّلٌ
III	يُفَاعِلُ	فَاعَلَ	مُفَاعَلَةٌ/فِعَالٌ	مُفَاعِلٌ	مُفَاعَلٌ
IV	يُفَعِّلُ	أَفَعَّلَ	إِفْعَالٌ	مُفَعِّلٌ	مُفَعَّلٌ
V	يَتَفَعَّلُ	تَفَعَّلَ	تَفَعُّلٌ	مُتَفَعِّلٌ	مُتَفَعَّلٌ
VI	يَتَفَاعَلُ	تَفَاعَلَ	تَفَاعُلٌ	مُتَفَاعِلٌ	مُتَفَاعَلٌ
VII	يَنْفَعِلُ	انْفَعَلَ	انْفِعَالٌ	مُنْفَعِلٌ	مُنْفَعَلٌ
VIII	يَفْتَعِلُ	اِفْتَعَلَ	اِفْتِعَالٌ	مُفْتَعِلٌ	مُفْتَعَلٌ
X	يَسْتَفَعِّلُ	اسْتَفَعَّلَ	اسْتَفْعَالٌ	مُسْتَفَعِّلٌ	مُسْتَفَعَّلٌ

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Irregular verbs: Hamzated roots

Below is a table of the patterns for forms of the verb using examples with hamzated roots.

	Example	Present	Past	Verbal noun
II	<i>to influence</i> (root = أثر)	يُؤَثِّرُ	أَثَّرَ	تَأَثَّرَ
III	<i>to reward</i> (root = كَفَأَ)	يُكَافِئُ	كَافَأَ	مُكَافَأَةٌ
IV	<i>to believe</i> (root = أَمَنَ)	يُؤْمِنُ	آمَنَ	إِيمَانٌ
V	<i>to predict</i> (root = نَبَأَ)	يَتَنَبَّأُ	تَنَبَّأَ	تَنْبُؤٌ
VI	<i>to wonder</i> (root = سَأَلَ)	يَتَسَاءَلُ	تَسَاءَلَ	تَسَاوُلٌ
VII	<i>to be read</i> (root = قَرَأَ)	يَنْقَرِئُ	انْقَرَأَ	انْقِرَاءٌ
VIII	<i>to adopt</i> (root = أَخَذَ)	يَتَّخِذُ	اتَّخَذَ	اتِّخَاذٌ
X	<i>to rent</i> (root = أَجَرَ)	يَسْتَأْجِرُ	اسْتَأْجَرَ	اسْتِئْجَارٌ

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Irregular verbs: Doubled roots

Below is a table of the patterns for forms of the verb using examples with doubled roots.

	Example	Present	Past	Verbal noun
II	<i>to design</i>	يُصَمِّمُ	صَمَّمَ	تَصْمِيمٌ
III		<i>(There are no common form III doubled verbs.)</i>		
IV	<i>to be determined</i>	يُصِرُّ	أَصَرَ	إِصْرَارٌ
V	<i>to hesitate</i>	يَتَرَدَّدُ	تَرَدَّدَ	تَرَدُّدٌ
VI		<i>(There are no common form VI doubled verbs.)</i>		
VII	<i>to join</i>	يَنْضُمُ	انْضَمَّ	انْضِمَامٌ
VIII	<i>to occupy (land)</i>	يَحْتَلُّ	اِحْتَلَّ	اِحْتِلَالٌ
X	<i>to continue</i>	يَسْتَمِرُّ	اسْتَمَرَ	اسْتِمْرَارٌ

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Irregular verbs: Weak roots

Below is a table of the patterns for forms of the verb using examples with weak roots.

	Example	Present	Past	Verbal noun
II	<i>to deliver</i> (root = وصل)	يُوصَلُّ	وَصَّلَ	تَوْصِيلٌ
III	<i>to hand over</i> (root = نول)	يُنَاوِلُ	نَاوَلَ	مُنَاوَلَةٌ
IV	<i>to be good at</i> (root = جود)	يُجِيدُ	أَجَادَ	إِجَادَةٌ
V	<i>to expect</i> (root = وقع)	يَتَوَقَّعُ	تَوَقَّعَ	تَوَقُّعٌ
VI	<i>to cooperate</i> (root = عون)	يَتَّعَاوَنُ	تَّعَاوَنَ	تَّعَاوُنٌ
VII	<i>to bend</i> (root = حني)	يَنْحَنِي	انْحَنَى	انْحِنَاءٌ
VIII	<i>to buy</i> (root = شري)	يَشْتَرِي	اشْتَرَى	اشْتِرَاءٌ
X	<i>to benefit</i> (root = فيد)	يَسْتَفِيدُ	اسْتَفَادَ	اسْتِفَادَةٌ

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