

# Mastering Arabic: *Subjunctive and Jussive*

## Regular verbs

Below is a table of fully vowelled, modified subjunctive and jussive regular verbs, together with the normal, (*indicative*) present tense for reference. The regular example below is the verb يَفْتَحُ ('to open').

Jussive	Subjunctive	Indicative	
أَفْتَحْ	أَفْتَحَ	أَفْتَحُ	أنا
تَفْتَحْ	تَفْتَحَ	تَفْتَحُ	أنتَ
تَفْتَحِي	تَفْتَحِي	تَفْتَحِينَ	أنتِ
يَفْتَحْ	يَفْتَحَ	يَفْتَحُ	هو
تَفْتَحْ	تَفْتَحَ	تَفْتَحُ	هي
نَفْتَحْ	نَفْتَحَ	نَفْتَحُ	نحنُ
تَفْتَحُوا	تَفْتَحُوا	تَفْتَحُونَ	أنتمُ
تَفْتَحْنَ	تَفْتَحْنَ	تَفْتَحْنَ	أننَّ
تَفْتَحَا	تَفْتَحَا	تَفْتَحَانِ	أنثما
يَفْتَحُوا	يَفْتَحُوا	يَفْتَحُونَ	همُ
يَفْتَحْنَ	يَفْتَحْنَ	يَفْتَحْنَ	هنَّ
يَفْتَحَا	يَفْتَحَا	يَفْتَحَانِ	هُما

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## Irregular verbs

Many subjunctives and jussives for irregular verbs follow the pattern for regular verbs. However, the final sukūn (◌ْ) has the effect of shortening the weak vowel in hollow and defective verbs.

### Hollow verbs

The irregular example below is the hollow verb يَزُورُ ('to visit').

Jussive	Subjunctive	Indicative	
أَزُرْ azur	أَزُورَ azūra	أَزُورُ azūru	أنا
تَزُرْ tazur	تَزُورَ tazūra	تَزُورُ tazūru	أنتَ
تَزُورِي tazūrī	تَزُورِي tazūrī	تَزُورِينَ tazūrīna	أنتِ
يَزُرْ yazur	يَزُورَ yazūra	يَزُورُ yazūru	هو
تَزُرْ tazur	تَزُورَ tazūra	تَزُورُ tazūru	هي
نَزُرْ nazur	نَزُورَ nazūra	نَزُورُ nazūru	نحنُ
تَزُورُوا tazūrū	تَزُورُوا tazūrū	تَزُورُونَ tazūrūna	أنتم
تَزُرْنَا tazurna	تَزُرْنَا tazurna	تَزُرْنَا tazurna	أنثُنَّ
تَزُورَا tazūrā	تَزُورَا tazūrā	تَزُورَانِ tazūrāni	أنثُما
يَزُورُوا yazūrū	يَزُورُوا yazūrū	يَزُورُونَ yazūrūna	هم
يَزُرْنَا yazurna	يَزُرْنَا yazurna	يَزُرْنَا yazurna	هنَّ
يَزُورَا yazūrā	يَزُورَا yazūrā	يَزُورَانِ yazūrāni	هُما

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## Defective verbs

The irregular example below is the defective verb يَمْشِي ('to walk').

Jussive	Subjunctive	Indicative	
amshi أَمْشِ	amshiya أَمْشِي	amshī أَمْشِي	أنا
tamshi تَمْشِ	tamshiya تَمْشِي	tamshī تَمْشِي	أنتَ
tamshī تَمْشِي	tamshī تَمْشِي	tamshīna تَمْشِينِ	أنتِ
yamshi يَمْشِ	yamshiya يَمْشِي	yamshī يَمْشِي	هو
tamshi تَمْشِ	tamshiya تَمْشِي	tamshī تَمْشِي	هي
namshi نَمْشِ	namshiya نَمْشِي	namshī نَمْشِي	نحنُ
tamshū تَمْشُوا	tamshū تَمْشُوا	tamshūna تَمْشُونَ	أنتم
tamshīna تَمْشِينِ	tamshīna تَمْشِينِ	tamshīna تَمْشِينِ	أنثُنَّ
tamshiyā تَمْشِيَا	tamshiyā تَمْشِيَا	tamshiyāni تَمْشِيَانِ	أنثُما
yamshū يَمْشُوا	yamshū يَمْشُوا	yamshūna يَمْشُونَ	هُم
yamshīna يَمْشِينِ	yamshīna يَمْشِينِ	yamshīna يَمْشِينِ	هُنَّ
yamshiyā يَمْشِيَا	yamshiyā يَمْشِيَا	yamshiyāni يَمْشِيَانِ	هُمَا

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