

LESSON 11

NUNNATION

When any one of the three vowel signs is written double at the end of a word, the second vowel is pronounced with a final 'n', e.g.:

<i>fathah</i>	◌َ◌َ	an
<i>kasrah</i>	◌ِ◌ِ	in
<i>ḍammah</i>	◌ُ◌ُ	un.

This process of doubling the vowel is called *tanwīn* from the Arabic letter و meaning to pronounce with an 'n'. In English it is called nunnation.

Tanwīn occurs at the end of an indefinite noun or adjective. For the nominative indefinite noun or adjective the *ḍammah* sign is doubled.

ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT

So far we have learnt Arabic verbs and a few particles, we shall now learn some nouns as well.

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| 1. a follower | (taba ^ʿ un) | تَبِعَ | بَ | تَ |
| 2. dark of night | (ghasaqun) | عَسَقَ | سَ | غَ |

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3. victory	(ghalabun)	غَلَبَ	لَ	بُ	نَ
4. day-break	(falaqun)	فَلَقَ	لَ	قُ	نَ
5. oath	(qasamun)	قَسَمَ	سَ	مُ	نَ
6. play	(la'ibun)	لَعِبَ	عَ	بُ	نَ
7. sheep	(ghanamun)	غَنِمَ	نَ	مُ	نَ
8. anger	(ghaḍabun)	غَضِبَ	ضَ	بُ	نَ
9. haste	(‘ajalun)	عَجَلَ	جَ	لُ	نَ
10. firebrand	(qabasun)	قَبَسَ	بَ	سُ	نَ

PRACTICE TEXT 9

Note the difference between the following verbs and nouns. The second consonant of the following nouns is *sākin* which means that this consonant is not followed by a vowel, thus **حُكْمٌ** ḥukmun and **مُلْكٌ** mulkun:

VERBS

NOUNS

1. to send	بَعَثَ	sending out, resurrection	بَعْثٌ
2. to be heavy	ثَقُلَ	a burden	ثِقْلٌ
3. to be right	حَقَّ	that which is right	حَقٌّ
4. to judge	حَكَمَ	judgment	حُكْمٌ
5. to be lawful	حَلَّ	anything lawful, permitted	حِلٌّ

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6. to cut	قَطَعَ	portion, part	قِطْعٌ
7. to curse	لَعَنَ	curse	لَعْنٌ
8. to disobey the commandment of Allah	فَسَقَ	impiety	فِسْقٌ
9. to have power or dominion over	مَلَكَ	kingdom, dominion	مُلْكٌ
10. to imprison	سَجَنَ	prison	سِجْنٌ

ثَبَات

THAB-BATA