

HOLLOW VERBS FORM I–X

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Hollow verbs have و or ي as middle root consonant. In form I there are two inflectional classes for verbs with the middle root و and one for verbs with the middle root ي. In forms II–X all verbs with hollow roots are inflected the same way regardless of whether the middle root is و or ي. Note that hollow verbs in forms II–VI and IX are inflected exactly like strong verbs. The gray row shows the shortened form of 1s past tense applicable also to 2ms, 2fs, 1pl, 2mpl, and 3fpl (i.e. with سَتِ, سَتِ, سَتِ, or سَتِ). Example verbs are taken from A Frequency Dictionary of Arabic by Tim Buckwalter and Dilworth Parkinson (Routledge 2011).

X	IX	VIII	VII	VI	V	IV	III	II	I y	I w-b	I w-a	
اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا				Past
اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	Past 1s
اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	Present
اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	Irregular			maṣdar
اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	Act. part.
اِسْتَعَا		اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	اِسْتَعَا	Pass. part.
استطاع	اسود	اجتاح	انهار	تناول	تجوز	أراد	حاول	حول	عاش	نام	قال	Example

DEFECTIVE VERBS FORM I–X

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Defective verbs have و or ي as third root consonant. In form I there are two inflectional classes for verbs with ي, and one for verbs with و as the third root. In forms II–X all defective verbs are inflected the same way regardless of whether the final root is و or ي. The nunation ـ in participles is replaced

with ـي when definite or in construct state (e.g. القاضي, القاضي, قاضي بغداد). Active participles with ي are traditionally described as having an ending ـ. This is however rarely enunciated or produced in print. Defective verbs in form IX are unattested in modern Arabic and very rare in Classical Arabic (see

Wright's Grammar, vol.i, ¶59). The gray row shows the shortened form of 1s past tense applicable also to 2ms, 2fs, 1pl, 2mpl, and 3fpl (i.e. with ـت, ـت, ـنا, or ـتم). Example verbs are taken from A Frequency Dictionary of Arabic by Tim Buckwalter and Dilworth Parkinson (Routledge 2011).

X	VIII	VII	VI	V	IV	III	II	I w	I y-b	I y-a	
إِسْتَأْذَنَ	إِسْتَأْذَنَ	إِسْتَأْذَنَ	تَأْذَنَ	تَأْذَنَ	أَذْهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	Past
إِسْتَأْذَنَ	إِسْتَأْذَنَ	إِسْتَأْذَنَ	تَأْذَنَ	تَأْذَنَ	أَذْهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	ذَهَبَ	Past 1s
يَسْتَأْذِنُ	يَسْتَأْذِنُ	يَسْتَأْذِنُ	يَسْتَأْذِنُ	يَسْتَأْذِنُ	يَذْهَبُ	يَذْهَبُ	يَذْهَبُ	يَذْهَبُ	يَذْهَبُ	يَذْهَبُ	Present
إِسْتِزَاءٌ	إِسْتِزَاءٌ	إِسْتِزَاءٌ	تِزَاءٌ	تِزَاءٌ	إِزَاءٌ	مُزَاءَةٌ	تِزْيَةٌ	Irregular			maṣdar
مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ				Act. part.
مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	مُسْتِزٍ	Pass. part.
استدعى	اشترى	انبعى	توالى	تمنى	أعطى	نادى	صلى	دعا	بقي	مشى	Example