

# Arabic Phrase Analyser

<Title - a short summary of the phrase in English >  
analyse> to phrase <arabic

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## Arabic Phrase

phrase> arabic <original

**Without Diacritics**

diacritics> full with phrase <arabic

**With Full Diacritics**

## 1 English Translation

**Literal:** <Literal word-by-word phrase translation into english >  
*[Arabic order retained for direct mapping]*

**Adapted:** <Adapted phrase translation into english > ”

## 2 Detailed Word Analysis

### 2.1 فَقَالَ — [faqa:la]

Translation	so he said / then he said
Root	ق-و-ل (q-w-l)
Pattern	فَعَّلَ (faʿala)
Grammar	Past tense verb, 3rd person masculine singular, with conjunction فَ (fa-) prefix
Table of Conjugations	Infinitive: قَوْل [qawl] Present: يَقُولُ [jaqu:lu] Past: قَالَ [qa:la]
Examples	1. قَالَ الرَّجُلُ الْحَقَّ - The man said the truth [qa:la r-radʒulu l-ħaqqa] 2. سَيَقُولُ لَكَ غَدًا - He will tell you tomorrow [sa-jaqu:lu laka ʔadan] 3. قُلْ لِي مَاذَا حَدَّثَ - Tell me what happened [qul li: ma:ða:ħadaða]
Synonyms	تَكَلَّمَ (spoke), تَحَدَّثَ (talked), نَطَقَ (uttered)
Etymology	From Proto-Semitic *qwl, related to Hebrew קוּל (qol) “voice”

## 3 Phrase Analysis

### Grammatical Structure:

Sequential connector + past verb + proper noun subject + colon + active participle predicate + vocative particle + possessed noun + conjunction + emphatic particle with pronoun + present verb + subordinating particle with pronoun + negation particle + present subjunctive verb + relative pronoun + present verb with object pronoun + conjunction + prepositional phrase + past verb + verbal noun (reason) + preposition with pronoun

### Key Grammar Points:

- The prefix فَ connects this statement to the previous narrative sequence
- مُتَأَسِّفٌ is a Form V active participle functioning as a predicate
- فَإِنِّي combines causal conjunction with emphatic particle for strong assertion

- $\text{لَنْ تَجِدَ}$  uses future negation requiring subjunctive mood
- $\text{مَا تَسْرِقُهُ}$  is a relative clause with attached object pronoun
- $\text{نَحَلًا}$  functions as an adverbial accusative expressing reason/manner
- The phrase shows empathetic irony - apologizing to the thief for having nothing to steal
- Form X verb  $\text{اسْتَحْيَيْتُ}$  indicates reflexive emotional state

## 4 Similar Phrases for Practice

1.  $\text{فَقَالَ الرَّجُلُ: مُتَأَسِّفٌ يَا صَدِيقِي، فَإِنِّي أَعْرِفُ أَنَّكَ لَنْ تَجِدَ مَا تَبْتَثُ عَنْهُ}$   
So the man said: “Sorry my friend, for I know that you won’t find what you are looking for”  
[faqa:la r-radʒulu: mutaʔassifun ja: sʔadi:qi:, faʔinni: ʔaʔrifu ʔannaka lan tadʒida ma: tabħaθu ʔanhu]
2.  $\text{وَقَالَتِ الْبِنْتُ: مُتَأَسِّفَةٌ يَا أَسْتَاذِي، فَإِنِّي أَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ لَنْ تَجِدَ الْجَوَابَ هُنَا}$   
And the girl said: “Sorry professor, for I know that you won’t find the answer here” [waqa:lat al-bintu: mutaʔassifatun ja: ʔusta:ði:, faʔinni: ʔaʔlamu ʔannaka lan tadʒida l-dʒawa:ba huna:]
3.  $\text{فَأَجَابَ الطَّالِبُ: مُعْتَذِرٌ يَا دُكْتُورَ، لَكِنِّي أَظُنُّ أَنَّكَ لَنْ تَجِدَ الْكِتَابَ الْآنَ}$   
So the student answered: “Apologetic, doctor, but I think that you won’t find the book now”  
[faʔadʒa:ba tʔ-tʔa:libu: muʔtaðirun ja: duktur:, la:kinni: ʔaðʔunnu ʔannaka lan tadʒida l-kita:ba l-ʔa:n]
4.  $\text{وَقَالَ التَّاجِرُ: آسَفٌ يَا زَبُونِ، وَلَكِنِّي أَعْرِفُ أَنَّكَ لَنْ تَجِدَ هَذَا الْبِضَاعَةَ عِنْدِي}$   
And the merchant said: “Sorry customer, but I know that you won’t find this merchandise with me” [waqa:la t-ta:dʒiru: ʔa:sifun ja: zabu:n, wala:kinni: ʔaʔrifu ʔannaka lan tadʒida ha:ða l-bidʔa:ʔata ʔindi:]

## 5 Levantine (Shaami) Arabic Dialect

### Levantine Version

فَقَالَ جُحَا: آسَفٌ يَا سَيِّدِي، لِأَنِّي بَعْرِفُ إِنَّكَ مَشْ رَحَ تَلَاقي شَيْ تَسْرِقُهُ، وَلَهْيَكِ اسْتَحْيَيْتُ مِنْكَ

**Phonetic:** [faqa:l dʒuħa: ʔa:sif ja: sajjidi:, laʔanni: baʔrif innak miʃ rah tila:ʔi: ʃi: tisru:qu, walahe:k istahe:t minnak]

**Translation:** So Juha said: “Sorry sir, because I know that you won’t find anything to steal, and that’s why I felt ashamed for you.”

### Key Dialectal Changes:

- مُتَأَسِّفٌ → آسِفٌ (?a:sif) – simplified form of “sorry”
- فَإِنِّي → لَأَنِّي (laʔanni:) – “because I” instead of “for indeed I”
- أَعْرِفُ → بَعْرِفُ (baʕrif) – present continuous with ب prefix
- أَنَّنْكَ → إِنَّكَ (innak) – simplified subordinating particle
- لَنْ → مَشْ رَحْ (miʃ rah) – future negation with “will not”
- تَجِدْ → تِلَاقِي (tila:ʔi:) – dialectal verb “to find”
- مَا → شَيْ (ʃi:) – “something/anything” instead of relative “what”
- وَلِهَذَا → وَلِهَيْكَ (walahe:k) – “and that’s why” in dialect
- اسْتَحْيَيْتَ → اسْتَحَيْتَ (istahe:t) – simplified past tense form

## 6 Additional Learning Notes

### Cultural and Literary Context

**Juha’s Character:** This phrase exemplifies Juha’s paradoxical wisdom - he apologizes to a thief not for being robbed, but for disappointing the thief by having nothing worth stealing. This reversal of expectations is classic Juha humor.

**Social Politeness:** Even in this absurd situation, Juha maintains formal politeness markers (يَا سَيِّدِي), showing how deeply embedded courtesy is in Arabic culture.

**Empathetic Irony:** The phrase demonstrates sophisticated Arabic literary technique - expressing genuine concern for someone whose intentions are harmful, creating both humor and moral commentary.

**Narrative Function:** This statement serves as the climax of the Juha story, where his unexpected response transforms a potentially threatening situation into a moment of absurd comedy.

### 6.1 Memory Tips

1. **Emotional Progression:** Remember *Apology* → *Explanation* → *Shame* (نَجَلٌ → تَفْسِيرٌ → اِعْتِذَارٌ)
2. **Particle Chain:** ف...فَإِنِّي...وَلِهَذَا creates logical flow (so → for indeed → and therefore)
3. **Form X Pattern:** اسْتَحْيَيْتَ follows pattern اسْتَفْعَلَ for self-directed emotions
4. **Negation Structure:** subjunctive + لَنْ is standard future negation pattern

5. **Irony Politeness:** The contrast between يا سَيِّدِي (respectful address) and تَسْرِق (you steal) creates the humor

## 6.2 Related Vocabulary Family

### Emotion family:

أَسْف – sorrow [ʔasaf]  
نَجَل – shame [xadʒal]  
حَيَاء – modesty [ħaja:ʔ]  
اِرْتِبَاك – embarrassment [irtaba:k]  
نَدَم – regret [nadam]

### Knowledge family:

مَعْرِفَة – knowledge [maʕrifa]  
عِلْم – science/knowledge [ʕilm]  
دِرَايَة – awareness [dira:ja]  
فَهْم – understanding [fahm]  
إِدْرَاك – perception [ʔidra:k]

### Theft family:

سَرِيقَة – theft [sariqa]  
سَارِق – thief [sa:riq]  
مَسْرُوق – stolen (item) [masru:q]  
نَهَب – plundering [nahb]  
اِخْتِلَاس – embezzlement [ixtila:s]

### Politeness family:

سَيِّد – master/sir [sajjid]  
أُسْتَاذ – professor/teacher [ʔusta:ð]  
دُكْتُور – doctor [duktu:r]  
مَوْلَى – master/lord [mawla:]  
صَاحِب – owner/sir [sʕa:hib]