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Taysir Ta'allum al-Lughah al-'Arabiyyah li al-Dirāsah al-Ta'abbudiyyah

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Lesson 15 - Negation

Intro to Grammar: Negation (النهي)

There are several ways to formulate negation. We'll look at a few of the most common ways that we find in the last juz' of the Qur'an.

ألم نشرح لك صدرك

"Did We not expand your breast for you" - Qur'an 94: 1

Conjugation Chart (Present Tense)

fatḥah	Singular	Present Tense		Plural	Present Tense
	Masculine	Feminine		Masculine	Feminine
هو/هي	يَفْعَلُ	تَفْعَلُ	هم/هنّ	يَفْعَلُونَ	يَفْعَلْنَ
أنت/أنتِ	تَفْعَلُ	تَفْعَلِينَ	أنتم/أنتنّ	تَفْعَلُونَ	تَفْعَلْنَ
أنا	أَفْعَلُ		نحن	نَفْعَلُ	

If we were to look up our root (شرح) we'd see this in Hans Wehr:

شرح *šaraḥa* **a** (*šarḥ*) to cut in slices, slice, cut up (▲ s.th.); to cut open, rip open (▲ s.th.); to bare, expose, make clearly visible or discernible (▲ s.th.); to expound (▲ s.th.); to explain, elucidate, illustrate, make plain, set forth, describe, depict (▲ s.th.); to comment (▲ on),

Note the “a” in the root. This is telling you that the vowelling for this verb will follow the pattern of *يَفْعَلُ*, meaning the **second root letter** will take a fathah for its vowelling.

Some more examples:

أَلَمْ يَجِدْكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ

“Did He not find you orphaned and shelter you?” - **Qur'an 93: 6**

أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَىٰ

“Did He not find you orphaned and shelter you?” - Qur'an 96: 14

كَلَّا لَئِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهِ لَنَسْفَعًا بِالنَّاصِيَةِ

“Did He not find you orphaned and shelter you?” - Qur'an 96: 15

لَمْ يَكُنِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ مُنْفَكِّينَ
حَتَّى تَأْتِيَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَةُ

“Did He not find you orphaned and shelter you?” - Qur'an 98: 1

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ

“Did He not find you orphaned and shelter you?” - Qur'an 105: 1

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ

“Did He not find you orphaned and shelter you?” - Qur'an 105: 1

Intro to Grammar: Following the Action

Let's take another look at our verses from Surah al-Sharh. Pay close attention to **who** is **performing the action** and **who** is **receiving the action**.

أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ

وَوَضَعْنَا عَنْكَ وِزْرَكَ

الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ

Note: if you're going to look up the meaning of (وزر) in Hans Wehr, he will list **two** different possible root meanings:

وزرًا *wazara* يَزِر *yaziru* (*wizr*) to take upon o.s., carry (هـ a burden); — *wazara yaziru* and *wazira* يوزِر *yauzaru* (*wizr, wazr, زرة zira*) to commit a sin III to help, assist, aid, support (على هـ s.o. in) IV to support, back up (هـ s.o.), strengthen s.o.'s (هـ) arm VI to help each other VIII اِزَرَ *illazara* to wear a loincloth; to put on (هـ a garment); to commit a sin

As you can see there are two listings which are marked with “1” and a “2” in superscript. For this *ayah* it is the meaning from “1”.

And now do the same with these verses from Surah al-Duha:

أَلَمْ يَجِدْكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ

وَوَجَدَكَ ضَالًّا فَهَدَىٰ

وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَىٰ

In this sequence, explain what's happening: who is the actor? Who is being acted upon, what does the blue, green, and red shading mean in relation to the vowelings, subject, and action?