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Facilitating the Learning of Arabic for Devotional Studies

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

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Lesson 4

Intro to Grammar: Particles

Particles (حروف/حرف) are key ingredients to understanding both the meaning.

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ

In our example here, from Surah al-Nas, the بِ is impacting both the word رَب and the word الناس. Let's break down **why**.

First, we have an idafah at the end of our ayah: رَبُّ النَّاسِ. **Now note:** the first part of our **idāfah** has a **ḍammah** on the ب. This is because **it's the first term of an idāfah** which means, "the Lord of mankind". The reason why it changes to have a **kasrah** on the ب is because of the **ḥarf**. This particular **ḥarf** is what causes **possession**. In Arabic we call this حرف الجرّ. And any noun affected by a **ḥarf al-jarr** is then in **the state of possession**, or **majrūr**, in Arabic terminology.

Intro to Grammar: Pronouns and Their Suffixes

It can be confusing, when trying to identify and isolate a word and determine if it's a noun or a verb, to differentiate between the noun/verb and its pronoun suffix (we'll discuss verb prefixes in a separate lesson when we get into verbal conjugation). Here's a helpful chart in looking at nouns and verbs with pronoun suffixes.

Pronoun Suffixes for Nouns		
Pronoun		Pronoun Suffix
Singular		Singular
He	هو	هـ
She	هي	ها
You (M)	أَنْتَ	كَ
You (F)	أَنْتِ	كِ
I	أنا	ي
Plural		Plural
They (M)	هم	هم
They (F)	هُنَّ	هُنَّ
You (M)	أَنْتُمْ	كُمْ
You (F)	أَنْتُنَّ	كُنَّ
We	نحن	نا

Pronoun Suffixes for Verbs		
Pronoun		Pronoun Suffix
Singular		Singular
He	هو	هـ
She	هي	ها
You (M)	أَنْتَ	كَ
You (F)	أَنْتِ	كِ
I	أنا	ني
Plural		Plural
They (M)	هم	هم
They (F)	هُنَّ	هُنَّ
You (M)	أَنْتُمْ	كُمْ
You (F)	أَنْتُنَّ	كُنَّ
We	نحن	نا

List of Ḥurūf that Change l'rab		
ب	فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ ۚ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا	
من	الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِنْ جُوعٍ وَآمَنَهُمْ مِنْ خَوْفٍ	
ل	فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحَرْ	
في	فِي جِيدِهَا حَبْلٌ مِنْ مَسَدٍ	
على	وَلَا يَخْضُ عَلٰى طَعَامِ الْمَسْكِينِ	
إلى	إِنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الرُّجْعَىٰ	
و	وَالْعَادِيَاتِ ضَبْحًا	"Waw" of qasm (oath swearing)
ك	فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ	
عن	الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ	
List of Ḥurūf That Don't Change l'rab		
و	وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عَابِدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ	