

Unit 3A: Additional Issues in صرف

This unit is dedicated to the study of a number of issues in صرف that weren't already covered in Unit 2.

**3A OBJECTIVES:**

1. Comparing ثَلَاثِي مَزِيدِيهِ to ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّد
2. Additional Derivations From a Base Word

**PART 1: COMPARING ثَلَاثِي مَزِيدِيهِ to ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّد**

ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّد is the grammatical name of the patterns of فَعَلَ that comprise 3 letters in the past tense. Words like نَصَرَ , كَتَبَ , سَمِعَ and ذَهَبَ are ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّد while أَسْلَمَ , عَلَّمَ and تَفَرَّقَ etc. are not because they consist of more than 3 letters in the past tense. All the families of فعل we studied in Unit 2 were composed of at least 4 letters though they were originally composed of 3 root letters. أَسْلَمَ for example is based on the root letters س , ل and م but still the past tense has a fourth letter أ in it. Patterns that have more than three letters in the past tense are called ثَلَاثِي مَزِيدِيهِ. This unit will almost exclusively deal with the subject of ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّد.

We derived 9 words out of every family in Unit 2. We will do the same in Unit 3 but there will be some differences. The following is a list of key differences between deriving 9 words for ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّد as opposed to ثَلَاثِي مَزِيدِيهِ:

1. The اسم فاعِل in ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّد will rhyme with the word فاعِل . There won't be any مُ in the beginning like was the case in ثَلَاثِي مَزِيدِيهِ.
2. The اسم مفعول will rhyme with the word مفعول . There won't be any مُ in the beginning like was the case in ثَلَاثِي مَزِيدِيهِ.
3. The أمر or command form will ALWAYS have an ا in the beginning.

4. The مَصْدَر will be unpredictable and will have to be learned one case at a time.
5. Knowing the past tense won't guarantee that you know the present tense. Knowing أَذْرَكَ in Unit 2, we could rightly guess that the present tense will be يُذْرِكُ . Three letter past tenses are not easy to predict.

Points 4 and 5 above yield that the ثلاثي مُجَرَّد is far more unpredictable and fluid than the ثلاثي مَرِيدٌ فِيهِ.

If we can get accustomed to a limited vocabulary within ثلاثي مُجَرَّد , we've accomplished our task for this unit.

There are six families of ثلاثي مُجَرَّد . The abbreviated versions are:

نَصَرَ	يَنْصُرُ	نَصْرًا وَنُصْرَةً
فَتَحَ	يَفْتَحُ	فَتْحًا
ضَرَبَ	يَضْرِبُ	ضَرْبًا
سَمِعَ	يَسْمَعُ	سَمْعًا وَسَمَاعًا
حَسِبَ	يَحْسِبُ	حَسْبًا
كَرَّمَ	يَكْرُمُ	كَرَامَةً

Notice that the first three words, نَصَرَ , فَتَحَ and ضَرَبَ rhymed in the past tense but didn't look the same in the present as يَنْصُرُ , يَفْتَحُ and يَضْرِبُ . This is what was meant in point 5 above. Words will either rhyme with نَصَرَ يَنْصُرُ or with فَتَحَ يَفْتَحُ or with one of the other 4 families mentioned. You don't have the right to take a word, say قَتَلَ يَقْتُلُ and change it to قَتَلَ يَقْتُلُ . It's not up to you. It's already been decided by the Arabs.

Also notice that the مَصْدَر in each case varies. Not only does the مَصْدَر vary from one مُجَرَّد pattern to the next, it even varies within a given pattern. While شَكَرَ يَشْكُرُ , مَصْدَرٌ قَتَلَ يَقْتُلُ offers قَتْلًا as a مَصْدَر , شَكَرَ يَشْكُرُ offers شُكْرًا , not شَكَرًا as it's مَصْدَر . For this reason we are going to have to learn the past, present and مَصْدَر one case at a time while building our vocabulary. The best way to build a strong vocabulary when studying the مُجَرَّد patterns is to know 10 basic examples of each pattern. The supplemental document [Vocab2.pdf](#) will be our primary resource for vocabulary in this unit.

## PART 2: ADDITIONAL DERIVATIONS FROM ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّد

The basic derivations are still the same 9 that we learned about in Unit 2. Taking نَصَرَ as a sample:

نَصَرَ نَصِرَ يَنْصِرُ يُنْصِرُ نَاصِرٌ مَنصُورٌ أَنْصِرُ لَا تَنْصِرُ نَصِيرٌ

Additional Derivations will include:

مَنْصَرٌ مَنْصَرَةٌ مَنصَارٌ مَنصَرٌ مَنْصَرَةٌ مَنْصَرَةٌ نَصَارٌ أَنْصِرُ نَصِيرٌ

- The first three, مَنْصَرٌ مَنْصَرَةٌ مَنصَارٌ are all examples of اسم آلة the اسم of tools or devices. Not all three variations may actually exist for a given word. The usage isn't determined by this generic formula pattern, rather by the usage of the Arabs. They may have decided to use مَفْتَاحٌ more so instead of مِفْتَاحٌ or مِفْتَحَةٌ.
- The next two, مَنْصَرٌ مَنْصَرَةٌ are examples of اسم ظرف which can also occur in with a كَسْرَةٌ on the ع letter but that isn't the norm. The اسم ظرف alludes to either time or space. The ة at the end may serve as an indication of excess or profuseness of the act in question at a particular time or place. مَدْرَسَةٌ for example, is a place or time when a lot of كُرْسٍ takes places (a school).
- The next three words نَصَارٌ أَنْصِرُ نَصِيرٌ are all different categories of adjectives. The first of them, نَصَارٌ is a hyperbolized noun or adjective called اسم المبالغة. It refers to a person who does a lot of something. نَصَارٌ therefore means someone who helps a lot, helps repeatedly or helps all the time. أَنْصِرُ, the second word, is the comparative / superlative adjective called اسم التفضيل. The اسم المبالغة doesn't offer a comparison of itself to anyone or anything else while the اسم التفضيل does. أَنْصِرُ means more / most helpful. نَصِيرٌ is an اسم الصفة and serves the meaning of an adjective. نَصِيرٌ is a helpful person.
- There are multiple patterns of اسم المبالغة and of اسم الصفة. Only one of each has been illustrated in the نَصَرَ sample above. The additional samples of اسم الصفة can actually be categorized as hyperbolized adjectives which is why I've placed them under اسم المبالغة in the vocabulary table below.

### Subjective Noun اسم فاعل

كَاظِم	كَالِح	لَاعِن	زَاهِق	ضَاكِح	ضَاوِر	غَايِر	غَافِر	صَارِم	هَالِك
Angry	Grim	Curser	False	Laughter	Weaking	Elapse	Forgiver	Tough	Dying
جَامِدَة	ذَائِقَة	صَاحِبَة	سَاهِرَة	جَارِيَة	بَارِزَة	خَافِضَة	رَافِعَة	غَاشِيَة	رَاجِفَة
Inactive	Taster	Comrade	Vigilant	Continuous/ flowing/ slave woman	Bulging out	Lowering	Elevating	Overshadowing	Wabbling
غَاشِيَة	عَامِلَة	نَاصِبَة	حَامِيَة	آنِيَة	نَاعِمَة	عَالِيَة	لَاغِيَة	صَاعِقَة	بَاقِيَة
	Working	Toilsome	Heated	Boiling hot	Joyful	High	Vain	Thunderbolt	Remnant
زَاجِرَات	سَابِقَات	نَاشِطَات	ذَارِيَات	نَازِعَات	جَارِيَات	نَاشِرَات	ذَاكِرَات	بَاقِيَات	قَانِتَات
Repellers	Charging on	Drawing out gently	Scattering	Tearing out	Flowing	Spreading	Reminding	Remaining	Submissive

### Objective Noun اسم مفعول

مَبْعُوث	مَسْبُوق	مَخْتُوم	مَسْتُور	مَذْكُور	مَسْحُور	مَدْفُوع	مَعْضُوب	مَرْقُوم	مَعْلُوب
Appointed	To be frustrated	Sealed	Captured in lines	Mentioned	Spellbound	Shoved away	Object of anger	Inscribed	Dominated
مَكْتُوب	مَهْزُوم	مَنْشُور	مَتَبُور	مَخْدُول	مَدْحُور	مَرْجُوم	مَزِيد	مَبِيع	مَنْفُوش
Written	Bound to suffer defeat	Spread out	Doomed to destruction	Doomed to destruction	Rejected	Pelted/stoned	Extended	Sold	Carded wool

### The Noun of Time & Space اسم ظرف

مَحْبِس	مَغْرِب	مَجْلِس	مَشْرِق	مَسْجِد	مَنْزِل	مَجْزِر	مَهْلِك	مَطْلِع	مَفْرِق
Prison camp	West	Sitting	East	Place to prostrate	Destination/point of descent	Place of animal slaughter	Place of death	Place of sunrise	A fork that divides the road
مَنْسِك	مَنْخِر	مَرْجِع	مَرْفِق	مَوْسِم	مَوْعِد	مَسْكِن	مَوْرِد	مَعْرِل	
Place of sacrifice	The spot where the nose is pierced	The place of return	The place in the middle of your arm	Season	The time or place of an appointment	The place of settlement	Watering place	A private place	
مَرْقَد	مَقْتَل	مَقْهَى	مَصْنَع	مَذْبَح	مَتَجَر	مَكْتَب	مَسْمَع	مَطْعَم	
Sleeping place	Place of murder	Coffee place	a factory	A slaughter house	Business place	A place where writing is done	The place where the audience is	An eating place	

مَسْقَط	مَبْدَأ	مَشْعَر	مَعْمَل	مَلْعَب	مَخْرَج	مَدْخَل	مَشْرَب	مَنْصَر	مَبْلَغ
Falling place	Starting point	Time or place of poetry recitation	Place or time of work	Place or time of play	Exit or time of departure	Place or time of entrance	Place or time of Drink	Place or time of help	Time or place to reach
مَكْتَبَة	مَرْعَة	مَأْبَلَة	مَقْبَرَة	مَدْرَسَة	مَصْنَعَة	مَغْسَلَة			
Bookstore/Library	Crop field or crop season	Camel market	Grave	School	Factory	Bath House			

### The Noun used for Tools اسم آلة

مِرْوَحَة	مِخِيط	مِخْلَب	مِدْفَع	مِنْجَل	مِغْزَل	مِرْد	مِلْقَط	مِنْشَفَة	مِقْدَار
Fan/ ventilator	Needle	Claw	Cannon	Machete	Spindle	Rasp	Tweezers	Napkin, towel	Amount
مِصْبَاح	مِعْرَاج	مِقْرَاض	مِفْتَاح	مِنْشَار	مِنْقَار	مِنْفَاح	مِسمَار	مِكْيَال	مِيزَان
Lantern	Ladder	Scissors	Key	Saw	Axe	Bellows	Nail	Yardstick/measure	Scale
مِلْعَقَة	مِطْرَقَة	مِشْوَاة	مِصْفَاة	مِكْنَسَة					
Spoon	Hammer	Rotisserie	filter	Broom					

### The Hyperbolized Noun اسم مبالغة

سَفَاك	جَبَّار	فَتَّاح	قَتَّال	ظَلَّام	خَزَّان	خَرَّاص	سَحَّار	نَزَّاع	حَمَّال
Murderous Slayer	Mighty, tough, forceful	Conqueror	Mass murderer	Tyrant	Treasurer	Slanderer	Magician	Strongly Inclined	Carrier
خَتَّار	عَلَّام	كَفَّار	عَسَّاق	صَبَّار	غَفَّار	قَهَّار		كَذَّاب	وَهَّاب
Traitor	Scholar	Staunch Disbeliever		Patient	Forgiving	The Overwhelming, The irresistible, The Subduing		Liar	Grantor
مَشَّاء	تَوَّاب	خَتَّاس	رَزَّاق	سَمَّاع	خَلَّاق	بِنَّاء	أَكَّال	أَفَّاك	هَمَّاز
Scandalmonger	Repenting, Accepting of Repentance	Well hidden	Provider	Listener	Creator	Constructive	Eater	Falsifier	Slanderer
مَنَّاع	طَوَّاف	عَلَّامَة	فَهَّامَة	أَمَّارَة	حَمَّالَة	لَوَّاحَة	نَزَّاعَة	صَبَّار	كُبَّار
Forbidder	Twirling	Expert	Acquainted	Commander	Carrier	Darkening skin	Argumentative, contentious	Patient	Enormous
صَدِّيق	شَرِّير	حَرِّيف		سِكِّير	صَبُّور	شَكُّور	ظَلُّوم	جَهُّول	خَدُّول
Friend	Evil doer	Bitter tempered		Drunkard	Patient	Grateful	Wrongful	Ignorant, Emotional	Failure, quitter
هَلُّوع	كَبُّوس	كُنُّود	كَفُّور	كَدُّوب	وَدُّود	سُبُّوح	قُدُّوس	قَبُّوم	عُجَاب
Impatient, nervous	Attacker	Ungrateful	Denier	Liar	Loving	Perfect	Holy	Established/ everlasting	Strange

فَارُوق	طَاغُوت	هُمَزَة	لُمَزَة	صُحْكَة	مِبْدَال	مِنْعَام	مِقْدَام	مِقْضَال	
Distinguisher	Rebel	Slanderer	Criticizer, trash talker`	Laughter	Spending	Blessed, blessing	Charging forward	Bestowing	
دَاعِيَة	دَاهِيَة	رَاوِيَة	مِنْطِيق	مِسْكِين	مِعْطِر	سُكَارِي	كُسَالِي	فَرْوَقَة	حَمُولَة
Caller	Huge calamity	narrator	Articulate	Poor	Nice smelling	drunkards	Lazy	Terrified	Loaded
حَذِر	شَرِه	نَجِس	نَخِر	خَصِم	صَعِق	قَلْب	حَيِّض	عُقْل	
Vigilant, cautious	Frugal	Filthy	Decaying	Arguing	Thunderous	changing	in a period	Unaware	
رَحْمَن	شَيْطَان	غَضْبَان	سَكْرَان	كَسْلَان					
Merciful	Frustrated, angry	Angry	Drunk	Lazy					

### Comparative/Superlative/ Color/ Bodily Defect اسم التفضيل

أَعْلَم	أَكْبَر	أَبْتَر	أَرْحَم	أَوْهَن	أَزْدَل	أَسْرَع	أَسْفَل	أَجْدَر	أَحَق
Knowledgeable	Great	Childless	Merciful	Weak	Despicable	Quick	Low	Suitable	Deserving
أَهَم	أَشَدَّ	أَخَف	أَثْقَل	أَجَلَّ	أَنْوَر	أَهْوَن	أَصْغَر	أَنْفَع	أَفْضَل
Important	Severe	Light	Heavy	Splendid	Lightened	Comfortable	Small	Beneficial	Preferred
أَقْرَب	أَصْدَق	أَضْعَف	أَقْسَط	أَنْكَر					
Close	Truthful	Weak	Fair	Reprehensible					
حُسْنِي	فُضْلِي	سُفْلِي	كُبْرِي	صُغْرِي					
Good	Preferred	Low	Enormous	Small					
أَعْمَى	أَبْكَم	أَصَم							
Blind	Mute	Deaf							

### The adjective اسم صفة

فَصِيح	سَعِيد	كَرِيم	غَلِيظ	رَفِيق	عَظِيم	خَلِيل	سَفِيه	خَصِيم	بَشِير
Articulate	Happy	Noble	Stern	Compassionate associate	Great	Friend	Fool	Argumentative	Congratulator

**Certain Types of اسم مصدر carry particular connotations:**

مصدر of Sounds	نَبَاحٌ	حُورًا	رُغَاءٌ	صُرَاخٌ	بُكَاءٌ	نَعِيْقٌ	زَبِيرٌ	شَهِيْقٌ
	Bark	Mooring/bellowing	Growl	Roar	Cry	Croak	Snarl	Sound of inhalation
مصدر of professions	تِجَارَةٌ	قِبَاقَةٌ	زِرَاعَةٌ	خِيَاطَةٌ	كِتَابَةٌ	حِيَاكَةٌ	صِنَاعَةٌ	دِرَاسَةٌ
	Trade	Tracking	Agriculture	Tailoring	Writing	Knitting	Manufacturing	studying
مصدر of diseases	زُكَامٌ	صُدَاعٌ	رُعَافٌ	سُعَالٌ	دُوَارٌ			
	Cold	Migrane	Nosebleed	Cough	Dizziness			
مصدر of motion	جَوْلَانٌ	خَفْقَانٌ	سَيْلَانٌ					
	Going around	Throbbing	Flowing					
مصدر of color	حُمْرَةٌ	خُضْرَةٌ	زُرْقَةٌ	صُفْرَةٌ				
	Redness	Greenness	Blueness	Yellowness				
مصدر of one instance	صَرَبَةٌ	فَرْحَةٌ	جَوْلَةٌ	نَظْرَةٌ	أَكَلَةٌ			
	A hit	A moment of joy	An outing	A glance	A bite			
مصدران of vowel starters (مثال)	وَعْدٌ	وَزْنٌ	وَصْلٌ	وَعْظٌ				
	عِدَّةٌ	زِنَةٌ	صِلَةٌ	عِظَةٌ				
	Promise	Weight	Means/ connection	sermon				