



Unit 2B: Constructing up to 7 words in the sarf of **أَسْلَمَ يُسَلِّمُ إِسْلَامًا**

In our previous session, we were introduced to three words within the sarf scheme. The past, **أَسْلَمَ**, the present, **يُسَلِّمُ** and the idea or masdar **إِسْلَامًا**. Now we are going to learn to construct some more words within the same scheme.

CONSTRUCTING THE COMMAND

The first word we will learn to construct is the imperative or simply, the command. We studied a quick and easy way to construct the command in the associated session. Here's a recap of what we learned:

If **أَسْلَمَ** means 'he submitted' then **أَسْلِمَ** means 'SUBMIT!' All you have to do is end the word with sukoon and include a kasrah. Below are five past tense words and next to each is the command version of the same **فعل**.

أَصْلَحَ in command form is **أَصْلِحْ**

أَخْرَجَ in command form is **أَخْرِجْ**

أَنْفَقَ in command form is **أَنْفِقْ**

أَبْصَرَ in command form is **أَبْصِرْ**

أَنْذَرَ in command form is **أَنْذِرْ**

So you can easily assume what the command version of each of the past tense words in the list provided in the Unit 2a document. Remember that commands only occur in the second person and since there are six pronouns in the second person, you must know how to construct six versions of the command. Here is an example of the six command constructions:

أَنْذِرْ Warn

أَنْذِرَا both of you, warn!

أَنْذِرُوا warn, all of you!

أَنْذِرِي warn! (when talking to a female)

أَنْذِرَا both of you, warn! (it could also be used when command two women)

أَنْذِرْنَ warn, all of you! (women)

CONSTRUCTING THE NEGATIVE IMPERATIVE (FORBIDDING FI'L)

For a quick way to construct this fi'l, we are going to employ the present tense. Of course when you have to forbid someone, you have to begin the statement with a لا and then use the lightest second person. Here's how to construct it:

لا تُصَلِّحْ becomes يُصَلِّحُ

لا تُخْرِجْ becomes يُخْرِجُ

لا تُتَفَقَّ becomes يُتَفَقُّ

لا تُبْصِرْ becomes يُبْصِرُ

لا تُتَذَرْ becomes يُتَذَرُ

Here are six versions of the forbidding fi'l, just like we did for the commanding fi'l:

لا تُسَلِّمْ don't submit

لا تُسَلِّمَا neither of you submit!

لا تُسَلِّمُوا don't any of you submit!

لا تُسَلِّمِي don't submit! (fem.)

لا تُسَلِّمَا neither of you submit (fem. Pair)

لا تُسَلِّمْنَ don't any of you women submit

CONSTRUCTING ISM FAA'IL (THE SUBJECTIVE ISM NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH RAF')

This is an ism that, in its dictionary meaning, alludes to someone or something that does an act. For example a teacher teaches, a student studies and a farmer farms. So teacher, student and farmer would be called ism faa'il. This should not be confused with raf' because an ism that is raf' is the doer of an act within a sentence, but not in the dictionary sense of the word. A farmer for instance doesn't have to be raf' everytime he's mentioned but he's still an ism faa'il.

To construct ism faa'il, we go back to the present tense يُسَلِّمُ and replace the ي with a مُ .

يُسَلِّمُ becomes مُسَلِّمٌ a submitter

يُصَلِّحُ becomes مُصَلِّحٌ a reconciler

يُخْرِجُ becomes مُخْرِجٌ an expeller

يُنْفِقُ becomes مُنْفِقٌ a spender

يُبْصِرُ becomes مُبْصِرٌ a seer

يُنْذِرُ becomes مُنْذِرٌ a warner

CONSTRUCTING THE ISM MAF'OOl

The ism maf'ool is opposite counterpart of the Ism Faa'il. If teacher is the ism faa'il, the one being taught is the ism maf'ool. If spender is ism faa'il then that which is spent is ism maf'ool. Once you know how to make ism faa'il, ism maf'ool is simple:

يُصَلِّحُ becomes مُصَلِّحٌ

يُخْرِجُ becomes مُخْرِجٌ

يُنْفِقُ becomes مُنْفِقٌ

يُبْصِرُ becomes مُبْصِرٌ

يُنْذِرُ becomes مُنْذِرٌ

In sum, we can now construct seven words from the أَسَلَّمَ family.

أَسَلَّمَ past He submitted

يُسَلِّمُ present He submits/ will submit

أَسَلِّمُ command Submit!

لَا تُسَلِّمُ forbid Don't Submit!

مُسَلِّمٌ ism faa'il A Submitter

مُسَلَّمٌ ism maf'ool The one being put into submission

إِسْلَامٌ masdar Submission