



Extension & Consolidation

الضَّمِير

The Pronoun

Introduction

- There are several types of pronouns in Arabic:
 - Some are attached to a noun.
 - Some are attached to a verb.
 - Some are **INSIDE** the verb (we will be looking at this).
 - Some are by themselves (we will be looking at this as well).
- A pronoun is a word that replaces a noun in a sentence. Pronouns are used to avoid repeating the same nouns over and over again. Example:

2	1
Correct ✓	Incorrect ✗
Zaid came in the house and then he went to sleep. He then woke up after one hour. He is very punctual.	Zaid came in the house and then Zaid went to sleep. Zaid then woke up after one hour. Zaid is very punctual.

- The Arabic word for pronoun is:

2	1
ضَمَائِر	ضَمِير
Pronouns (plural)	Pronoun (singular)

The Pronoun inside a Verb

Where is the Doer?

<u>I</u> carried.	حَمَلْتُ	1
<u>She</u> recited.	قَرَأَتْ	2
<u>We</u> did not write.	مَا كَتَبْنَا	3
<u>I</u> asked.	سَأَلْتُ	4
<u>They</u> entered.	دَخَلُوا	5
<u>We</u> are writing / will write.	نَكْتُبُ	6
<u>I</u> am reciting / will recite.	أَقْرَأُ	7
<u>She</u> is opening / will open.	تَفْتَحُ	8
<u>They</u> know / will know.	يَعْلَمُونَ	9

1. The doer is INSIDE the verb.
2. The doer is HIDDEN inside the verb.
3. This hidden word is known as a “pronoun”.
4. Every verb (past / imperfect / other) has a pronoun hidden inside it.
5. These pronouns can also be used by themselves (we will learn about this later on).
6. The next page gives details of these pronouns. Understand, learn, and memorise the entire paradigm.

Pronouns

Person	Gender	Translation	Pronoun	
Third Person غَائِب	مذكّر	He	هُوَ	1
		They (Dual)	هُمَا	2
		They (Plural)	هُمْ	3
	مؤنث	She	هِيَ	4
		They (Dual)	هُمَا	5
		They (Plural)	هُنَّ	6
Second Person حَاضِر	مذكّر	You	أَنْتَ	7
		You (Dual)	أَنْتُمَا	8
		You (Plural)	أَنْتُمْ	9
	مؤنث	You	أَنْتِ	10
		You (Dual)	أَنْتُمَا	11
		You (Plural)	أَنْتُنَّ	12
مُتَكَلِّم	مذكّر	I	أَنَا	13
	مؤنث	We / Us	نَحْنُ	14

Memorise the above.

Pronouns hidden inside the verb

Imperfect Tense Verb	Hidden Pronoun inside the verb	Past Tense Verb	
يَكْتُبُ	هُوَ	كَتَبَ	1
يَكْتُبَانِ	هُمَا	كَتَبَا	2
يَكْتُبُونَ	هُمْ	كَتَبُوا	3
تَكْتُبُ	هِيَ	كَتَبَتْ	4
تَكْتُبَانِ	هُمَا	كَتَبْتَا	5
يَكْتُبْنَ	هُنَّ	كَتَبْنَ	6
تَكْتُبُ	أَنْتِ	كَتَبْتِ	7
تَكْتُبَانِ	أَنْتُمَا	كَتَبْتُمَا	8
تَكْتُبُونَ	أَنْتُمْ	كَتَبْتُمْ	9
تَكْتُبِينَ	أَنْتِ	كَتَبْتِ	10
تَكْتُبَانِ	أَنْتُمَا	كَتَبْتُمَا	11
تَكْتُبْنَ	أَنْتُنَّ	كَتَبْتُنَّ	12
أَكْتُبُ	أَنَا	كَتَبْتُ	13
نَكْتُبُ	نَحْنُ	كَتَبْنَا	14

Exercise 1

- Write down the respective hidden verb and do not forget to translate.
- Practice the paradigm of each verb as well.

Translation	Hidden Pronoun	Verb number	Verb	
She sat.	هي	4	سَجَدَتْ	1
			دَخَلْنَا	2
			مَا صَدَقَ	3
			نَصَرْتُمْ	4
			لَا تَكْتُبُ	5
			كَفَرُوا	6
			لَا يَحْسُدْنَ	7
			يَعْبُدَانِ	8
			يَشْرَبُونَ	9
			تَعْلَمُونَ	10
			يَدْخُلُونَ	11
			تَصَدُقُ	12
			عَبَدُوا	13

Exercise 2

- Write down the respective hidden verb and do not forget to translate.
- Practice the paradigm of each verb as well.
- These verbs are from the pattern قَالَ يَقُولُ. If these verbs have not been covered, this can be easily done over 3 lessons (10 minutes each day).

Translation	Hidden Pronoun	Verb	
		صَامَتْ	1
		صُمْتُ	2
		يَطْوُونُ	3
		لَا نَعُودُ	4
		أَعُودُ	5
		لَامُوا	6
		مَا مَاتَتْ	7
		يَقُولُونَ	8
		قُمْنَ	9
		تَفُوزِينَ	10
		نَمُوتُ	11
		فُزْتُ	12
		قُلْنَا	13

Exercise 3

Ensure you determine the different parts of the sentence and type of sentence.
Ensure the Harakah of each word is correct.

English	Arabic	
	هُوَ حَدَّادٌ.	1
	أَنَا حَدَّادٌ.	2
	أَنْتَ مَرِيضٌ.	3
	هَلْ أَنْتَ مَرِيضٌ؟	4
	أَنَا نَائِمٌ.	5
	هَلْ هُوَ نَائِمٌ؟	6
	الْبَيْتُ كَبِيرٌ وَهُوَ جَمِيلٌ.	7
	هُوَ فِي الْمَدْرَسَةِ.	8
	أَنَا جَالِسٌ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ.	9
	أَكَلْتُ الْبُرْتُقَالَ وَهُوَ لَزِيذٌ.	10
	الْجِدَارُ كَبِيرٌ وَهُوَ مَكْسُورٌ.	11
	إِنَّ الطَّعَامَ حَائِزٌ وَهُوَ لَزِيذٌ.	12

Exercise 4

Ensure you determine the different parts of the sentence and type of sentence.
Ensure the Harakah of each word is correct.

English	Arabic	
	هِيَ ذَكِيَّةٌ.	1
	هِيَ طَالِبَةٌ مِنْ أَمْرِيكَ.	2
	هَلْ هِيَ مَرِيضَةٌ؟	3
	أَنَا مُدْرِسَةٌ وَ هِيَ مُهَنْدِسَةٌ.	4
	هِيَ فِي الشَّارِعِ.	5
	أَنَا فِي الْمَطَارِ.	6
	الْحَدِيقَةُ كَبِيرَةٌ وَ هِيَ مُغْلَقَةٌ.	7
	الْمَرْوَحَةُ جَدِيدَةٌ وَ هِيَ مَكْسُورَةٌ.	8
	أَنَا شَاكِرَةٌ.	9
	أَنَا شَاكِرٌ.	10
	هِيَ ذَكِيَّةٌ وَ أَنْتِ غَافِلَةٌ.	11

Exercise 1 - Consolidation

- The purpose of this exercise is to consolidate all grammar rules covered so far.
- Ensure you analyse each sentence and practice the paradigm of al verbs.

English	Type of sentence V / N	Arabic	
		الْكَلْبُ جَالِسٌ .	1
		كَانَ الْخَيَّاطُ نَائِمًا .	2
		إِنَّ الْقِطَّ جَمِيلٌ .	3
		شَكَرَ الْحَدَّادُ .	4
		إِنَّ الْعِلْمَ نُورٌ .	5
		جَلَسْتُ فِي الْبَيْتِ .	6
		لَا يَفْتَحُ الْبَابَ .	7
		الَلَّيْلُ طَوِيلٌ .	8
		الْتَّلَاجَةُ كَبِيرَةٌ .	9
		إِنَّ الْجَمَلَ سَمِينٌ .	10
		الْقَلَمُ ثَمِينٌ .	11
		إِنَّ السَّيَّارَةَ ثَمِينَةٌ .	12
		تَلَعَنُ الْمَلْعَقَةَ .	13

Exercise 2 - Consolidation

- The purpose of this exercise is to consolidate all grammar rules covered so far.
- Ensure you analyse each sentence and practice the paradigm of al verbs.

English	Type of sentence V /N	Arabic	
		نَفَهُمُ الدَّرْسَ .	1
		شَرِبْتُ العَصِيرَ وَ أَكَلْتُ الطَّعَامَ .	2
		الرَّجُلُ مِنْ أَمْرِيكَ .	3
		يَقْطَعُ الجَزَاءَ اللَّحْمَ بِالسِّكِّينِ .	4
		ذَهَبْتُ إِلَى المَسْجِدِ .	5
		مَا أَكَلُوا السَّمَكَ .	6
		كَانَتِ الهِرَّةُ مَرِيضَةً .	7
		مَا جَلَسَ الوَلَدُ عَلَى المَائِدَةِ .	8
		الهِرَّةُ عَلَى التَّلَاجَةِ .	9
		العَصِيرُ كالمَاءِ .	10
		إِنَّ السَّيَّارَةَ مَمْلُوءَةٌ .	11
		كَانَ الخِيَّاطُ غَائِبًا .	12
		الرَّجُلُ كالأَسَدِ .	13

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