

ARABIC INTENSIVE

SARF 101

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- Sarf literally means “to make change”.
 - In the context of Arabic, it refers to the knowledge of verbs and their changes.
- There are 4 types of verbs:
 - ماضي - Past
 - مُضارع - Present
 - أمر - Command
 - نهي - Prohibition

الفعل الماضي - Past Tense

- Fil Madhi describes an action or event that has already occurred.
 - Ex: He walked, she played, they spoke
- All past tense verbs will follow the pattern of فعل
 - The first letter of each verb will be called the faa kalimah.
 - The middle letter will be called the aiyn kalimah.
 - The last letter will be called the laam kalimah.
- Example:



Past Tense Verb Patterns

- There are 3 root letters of a verb.
- The Faa Kalimah and the Laam Kalimah are typically the same.
 - **The Ain Kalimah is what changes.**
- You will notice that all past tense verbs will follow one of the patterns below:

كَرِمَ سَمِعَ نَصَرَ

Past Tense Verb Conjugations - Singular

Singular		واحد	
He helped		نَصَرَ	هُوَ 3 rd Person (Male)
She		نَصَرَتْ	هِيَ 3 rd Person (Female)
You		نَصَرْتَ	أَنْتَ 2 nd Person (Male)
You(F)		نَصَرْتِ	أَنْتِ 2 nd Person (Female)
I		نَصَرْتُ	أَنَا 1 st Person