

Vocative

46. What is a vocative?

A vocative is the intended result of saying 'I call...'

47. How many forms of vocatives are there?

There are two forms of vocatives:

- One that is in the possessive form and accusative case: for example **يا عبد الله** (Ay, 'Abd Allah or Allah's servant) or a common noun that is not specified: for example **يا غافلاً تنبّه** (Ay heedless one! Pay attention.)
- One that is indeclinable on whatever would put it in the nominative case and is either a proper noun or a common noun that is specified. For example: **يا خالد** (Ay, Khalid) or **يا رجُل** (Ay, man).

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