

## Hiding the Vowel Signs of a Declinable Noun

53. How many declinable nouns hide their vowel signs?

There are three types of declinable nouns that hide their vowel signs:

- A compliment to a prefixed *yā'* personal pronoun.
- Nouns whose last letter is an *alif maqsūrah* (ى).
- Nouns whose last letter is a *ya'* preceded by a *kasrah*.

54. Which declinable nouns hide all of their vowel signs?

All of the vowels are hidden:

- if the noun is a compliment to a prefixed *yā'* personal pronoun because it would be difficult to pronounce the vowel. For example: **إِنَّ مَذْهَبِي إِكْرَامِي لِضَيْفِي** (Verily, my creed makes me respect my guest.)
- if the noun's last letter is an *alif maqsūrah* because an *alif* cannot take a vowel. For example:  
**إِنَّ الْهُدَى هُدَى اللَّهِ** (Verily guidance is Allah's guidance.)

55. Which declinable nouns hide the *dūmmah* and *kasrah*?

The *dūmmah* and *kasrah* are hidden in nouns whose last letter is a *ya'* preceded by a *kasrah* because of it being difficult to pronounce. For example: **حَكَمَ الْقَاضِي عَلَى الْجَانِي** (The judge sentenced the criminal.)

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