

The Adjective

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109. An adjective is a form derived from an intransitive verb that slightly indicates an actor, except that it does not indicate the action of the actor, rather it indicates an established characteristic of the actor. For example: **وَلَدٌ حَسَنٌ** (a nice boy) or **رَجُلٌ كَرِيمٌ** (an honorable man). These adjectives are established characteristics found in the boy and man.

110. There is no rule in forming adjectives from trilateral verbs. They are formed in numerous forms. For example: **طَاهِرٌ** (purified), **عَطْشَانٌ** (thirsty) and **ظَرِيفٌ** (delicate).

111. The adjective formed from trilateral verbs that indicate color, defect or decoration is put into the form **أَفْعَلٌ**. For example: **أَسْمَرُ الْوَجْهِ** (a brown face), **أَعْمَى الْقَلْبِ** (a blind heart) and **أَهْيَفُ الْقَدِّ** (a slender physique).

112. The adjective is formed from non-trilateral verbs by using the active participle form.