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246. Indeclinable words are words that do not change due to the different places of a sentence it is put in. for example: **أَيْنَ الْكِتَابُ** (where is the book?), **أَيْنَ ذَهَبْتَ** (Where did you go?), and **مِنْ أَيْنَ جِئْتَ** (Where did you come from?)

247. Indeclinable nouns are: pronouns, demonstrative pronouns, conjuncts, conditional nouns, interrogative words, adverbial nouns of time or place.

248. Indeclinable nouns are indeclinable on:

- *Sakān*, for example: **مَنْ** (who)
- *Dummaḥ*, for example: **حَيْثُ** (how)
- *Fathah*, for example: **أَيْنَ** (where)
- *Kasrah*, for example: **أَمْسَ** (yesterday)

249. The preterite tense, imperative tense, and aorist tense verbs that are connected to the feminine *nān* and the *nān* of emphasis are indeclinable.

250. The preterite tense verb is indeclinable on:

- *Fathah*, for example: شَرِبَ (he drank)
- *Dummah*, if it is connected to the plural *wāw*, for example: شَرِبُوا (they drank)
- *Sakān*, if it is connected to a nominative voweled pronoun, for example: شَرِبْتُمْ (we drank)

251. The imperative verbs are indeclinable on:

- *Sakān*, for example: اشْرِبْ (drink)
- Erasing the *nān*, if it is connected to the plural *wāw*, dual *alif*, or the feminine second person pronoun, for example: اشْرِبَا (drink, addressed to three or more people).
- Erasing the weak letter, if it is a defective verb, for example: اِرْمِ (throw).

252. The aorist tense verbs are indeclinable on:

- *Sakān*, if it is connected to the feminine *nān*, for example: يَضْرِبَنَّ (she is hitting)
- *Fathah*, if it is connected to the *nān* of emphasis, for example: يَضْرِبَنَّ (he is hitting!)

253. Yes, there is another *nān* called the *nān* of protection. This *nān* separates the verb from the first person *yā'*. For example: ضَرَبَنِي (he hit me).

254. No, the *nān* of protection is attached to some prepositions as well. For example: مِنِّي (from me).

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