

Preterite, Aorist, and Imperative Verbs

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5. A verb is a word that indicates a state, for example **حَسُنَ** or an action, for example: **يَأْخُذُ** in the past, present, or future. There are three types of verbs: preterit, aorist, and imperative.
6. A preterit tense verb is a verb that indicates a state or action that happened in the past, for example: **كَرُمَ**
7. An aorist tense verb is a verb that indicates a state or action that is happening in the present or will happen in the future. For example: **يَحْسُنُ**

Point: an aorist tense verb is specifically used for the future when a *sin* or **سوف** is added to the beginning of it, for example: **سَأَكْتُبُ**

Point: It indicates the past when it comes after the jussive **لَمْ** or **لَمَّا** , for example: **زُرْتِكَ و لم تكن في البيت**

8. An aorist tense verb is formed from the preterite form by adding an aorist letter to the beginning of it. This letter has a *dummah* if it is quadriliteral, for example: يُزْخِرِفُ and it has a *fathah* in any other case, for example: يَلْمَعُ
9. If the preterite form is trilateral, the first root letter is given and *sakān* and the second root letter is given a *dummah*, *fathah*, or *kasrah*. For example: يَنْصِرُ ، يَفْتَحُ ، يَجْلِسُ
10. If the preterite form is not trilateral and it has an additional *tā'* added to the beginning, it will remain the same, for example: يَنْعَلِمُ. If this is not the case the glottal stop at the beginning will be erased and the letter before the last letter will be given a *kasrah*, for example: يُرْسِلُ
11. The imperative tense verb is a verb that asks for a state or action in the future. For example: اُكْتُبْ. There are two types of imperatives: imperative by form and imperative by *lām*.
12. The imperative by form is only used with the second person in the active voice, for example: اِجْتَهِدْ. The imperative by *lām* is used with everything else in the active or passive voice, for example: لِيُكَافِ الْمُجْتَهِدُ
13. The imperative form is formed from the aorist tense by erasing the aorist letter from the beginning. Then, if the letter after the erased aorist letter has a vowel sign this will be the form, for example: تَعَلَّمَ. But, if the letter after the erased aorist letter has a *sakān* a glottal stop will be added to the beginning of the word, for example: اِنْتَبِهْ
14. The added glottal stop in the imperative form is given a *dummah* when the aorist tense verb is trilateral and the second root letter has a *dummah*, for example: اُنْظُرْ. It is given a *fathah* when the verb is quadriliteral, for example: اُكْرِمْ. It is given a *kasrah* when any other case, for example: اِعْلَمْ. So, when the verb is quadriliteral the glottal stop is a *qat'* glottal stop and in every other case it is a *wasl* glottal stop.

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