

LEAF 9

حرف

Question 1

Find words in the Quran that have root letters حرف and write down the verses that contain them with translation, to show their meaning.

Question 2

There are 2 types of harfs (particles) in Nahwu:

• حرف مَبْنَى

We build words from these letters and we call them letters of the Alphabet or

حُرُوفِ الْهَجَاءِ

e.g. أ - ب - ت - ث - ج - ح

• حرف مَعْنَى

The 2nd type of letters have meaning and play a function in the sentence.

e.g. مِنْ - إِلَى - كِ - لِ

Below are some types of harfs. Identify the root letters of the term used for the type of harf and state its meaning. Add further examples of harf you may know.

Type of Harf	Examples of Harf				Root Letters	Meaning
¹ الجَرِّ	فِي	مِنْ	إِلَى	حَتَّى		
² المُشَبَّهَةُ بِالْفِعْلِ	بِأَنَّ	كَأَنَّ	أَنَّ	إِنَّ		
e.g. العَطْفِ	وَ	فَ	ثُمَّ	أَوْ	عطف	To be inclined towards something or someone
التَّنْبِيهِ	هَا	أَلَا	أَمَا			
النِّدَاءِ	أَيُّ ³	هَيَا	أَيَا	يَا		
الإِيجَابِ	نَعَمْ	بَلَى	إِي	أَجَلْ		
الزِّيَادَةِ	بِ	لِ	مَا	مِنْ		
التَّفْسِيرِ	أَيُّ	أَنَّ				
المَصْدَرِ	مَا	أَنَّ	أَنَّ			
التَّخْضِيزِ	هَلَّا	لَوْلَا	أَلَا	لَوْمَا		
⁴ التَّحْقِيقِ	قَدْ					
الإِسْتِفْهَامِ	هَلْ	أَ	كَيْفَ			
الشَّرْطِ	أَمَّا	لَوْ	إِنْ			

¹ There are 17 Harfs of Jarr in Arabic; 11 are used in the Quran. Only 4 are shown here.

² Also known as Harf of Nasb

³ الهمزة المفتوحة Hamzah vowelised with fathah

⁴ الرَّقْعُ is another term by which this particle is called.

Type of Harf	Examples of Harf				Root Letters	Meaning
الرَّدْع	كَلَّا					
التَّأْنِيثِ	ت					
التَّنْوِينِ	ن					
التَّأْكِيدِ	ن	لا				
الجازِمِ	لَمْ	إِنْ	لَمَّا	لِ		
النَّاسِخِ	أَنَّ	إِنْ				
الإِسْتِثْنَاءِ	إِلَّا	غَيْرُ	سِوَى	سُوَى		
إِسْتِدْرَاكِ	لكن					
الحَضْرِ	إِلا					
البِدَايَةِ	مِنْ					
الغَايَةِ	إِلى					
السَّبَبِيَّةِ	ف					
التَّعْلِيلِ	ل					
النافِيَّة ⁵	لا					
الناهيَّة ⁶	لا					
المُضَارَعَةُ ⁷	ت	ي	ن	أ		

⁵ النافية does not affect or change the "verb" it negates.

⁶ الناهية which means "Do not..." as in "forbidding" does affect the "verb"

⁷ This is the name for the letters with which فعل مضارع will always begin.

Type of Harf	Examples of Harf	Root Letters	Meaning
الحِطَاب	ك		
الْوَقَايَة	ن		
العِلَّة	ي	ا و	

Question 3

State what role the highlighted harfs play in the following verses:

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّبِعُوا سَبِيلَنَا وَلْنَحْمِلْ خَطَايَاكُمْ
وَمَا هُمْ بِحَامِلِينَ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۗ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

Al-Ankabut 29:12

لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَاهُ حُطَامًا فَظَلْتُمْ تَفَكُّهُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

Al-Waqiah 56:65

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ
قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

Al-Baqarah 2:183

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