

Elimination Process for Fi'l -Past Tense

After eliminating the possibility of a word being an ISM, and knowing it isn't a HARF, we are left with the possibility that the word is a F'IL. Now, how do we ascertain what the F'IL is. The process, as I have understood is as follows:

Recognition Workbook Example

Step 1.

Is it Past or Present Tense Fi'l? Is it a Commanding Fi'l or Forbidding Fi'l? We will be focusing on just Past or Present Tense for now.

أَعْرَضْتُ

Here the Fi'l is starting with a *Hamza* and ending with *Tunna*

The word cannot be a Present Tense "I" version. Why? The combination for *Ana Ansuru* is *A/U + U*, so the ending does not match.

Now let us match it to the Past Tense Chart. As it is Past tense with which we are matching we will only look at the ending not the beginning

أَعْرَضْتُ

Huwa Nasara

Huma Nasaraa

Hum Nasaroo

Hiya Nasarath

Huma Nasarataa

Hunna Nasarna

Anta Nasarta

Antuma Nasartuma

Antum Nasartum

Anti Nasarti

Antuma Nasartum

Antunna Nasartunna

It matches with **Antunna Nasartunna so it is a Past Tense Fi'l.**

Step 2.

What is the Family?

أَعْرَضْتُنَّ

We need to decide if it is from the 6 small families or 8 big families. Look at the word, if we remove the sign of past tense we are left with more than 3 letters , so it cannot be from the 6 small families.

You just eliminated 6 out of 14 Options! EXCELLENT! ALHAMDULILLAH!

Big 8 Sarf Families Decoded !!!!

Now, is it from the big 8 families? The Big 8 Families, as we know, are grouped into 3 groups. Let's revise them below and look at the Past Tense Markers for each group.

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+ ت Shaddah on the ع Letter

F6: Ta'aawana Ya-Ta'aawanu... ت + the letter ف with fatha, followed by ا

Group 3 – F7: Inqalaba, Yanqalibu... اِنْ before the ف letter

F8: Iqtaraba, Yaqtaribu... اِ before the ف with sukoon, then ت

F10: Istaghfara, Yastaghfiru...

اِسْت before the ف letter with sukoon

Now examine the word **أَعْرَضْتُ** using the above.

Group 1 Families

Not F2 as no shaddah

Not F3 as no alif after ف kalimah

We have a **أَ** with a Fatha before the ف letter with sukoon, so its Aslama Family, Active Past Tense.

How do we make the word **أَعْرَضْتُ** Passive?

There are 2 ways.

1. **Direct Method** using the family we Identified it to be from. Aslama, Yuslimu... so

أَعْرَضْتُ ----> أَعْرَضْتُ

2. **Indirect Method** requires a few steps and we must know this Process

- a. Make it the Huwa Version

أَعْرَضْتُ ----> أَعْرَضَ

- b. Make the Hua version Passive

أُعْرِضَ

- c. Follow the Past Tense Chart until you reach *Antunna Nasartunna* Version

أُعْرِضُنَّ >---- أَعْرِضُنَّ

Recognition Workbook Exercises Page 1, Table 1

1. For each of the following Past Tense Words provided, identify the INSIDE DOER and the FAMILY the word belongs to.

	PAST TENSE WORD	INSIDE DOER	FAMILY	ROOT LETTERS
1	عَقَبْنَا	هُمَا	عَلِمَ	ع ق ب
2	جَادَلْتَنِّي	أَنْتِ	جَاهَدَ	ج د ل
3	اسْتَقْبَلْتِ	هِيَ	اسْتَغْفَرَ	ق ب ل
4	أَقْتُلُوا	هُمْ	أَسْلَمَ	ق ت ل
5	اقْتَرَبْنَا	نَحْنُ	اقْتَرَبَ	ق ر ب
6	أَعْلَمْتُ	أَنْتِ	أَعْلَمَ	ع ل ن
7	انْفَعَلْتُمْ	أَنْتُمْ	انْقَلَبَ	ف ع ل
8	تَذَكَّرْتُمَا	أَنْتُمَا	تَفَرَّقَ	ذ ك ر
9	أُعْرِضُنِّي	أَنْتِ	أَسْلَمَ	ع ر ض
10	تَعَاوَنْتُمَا	أَنْتُمَا	تَعَاوَنَ	ع و ن
11	أَنْزَلْتِ	أَنَا	أَسْلَمَ	ن ز ل
12	فَرَّقْتِ	أَنْتِ	عَلِمَ	ف ر ق
13	تَكَبَّرْتِ	هِيَ	تَفَرَّقَ	ك ب ر
14	أَفْلَحَا	هُمَا	أَسْلَمَ	ف ل ح
15	عَاهَدَا	هُمَا	جَاهَدَ	ع ه د
16	أَخْرَجْتِ	أَنْتِ	أَسْلَمَ	خ ر ج
17	أَخْبَرْتِ	أَنْتِ	أَسْلَمَ	ج ب ر
18	انْصَرَفْتِ	هِيَ	انْقَلَبَ	ص ر ف
19	عَلِمْتُمْ	أَنْتُمْ	عَلِمَ	ع ل م
20	أَفْسَدْنَا	نَحْنُ	أَسْلَمَ	ف س د

Recognition Workbook Exercises Page 1, Table 2

1. Convert the following Past Tense Fil into PASSIVE Form. Identify the INSIDE DOER and the FAMILY of the Word to the Best of Your Ability

	PAST TENSE WORD	PAST PASSIVE TENSE WORD	INSIDE DOER	FAMILY	ROOT LETTERS
1	نَزَلَ	نُزِلَ	هُوَ	عَلِمَ	ن ز ل
2	قَاتَلْنَا	قُوْتِلْنَا	نَحْنُ	جَاهَدَ	ق ت ل
3	إِنْهَمَرْنَا	أِنْهَمِرْنَا	أَنْتُمْ	إِنْقَلَبَ	ه م ر
4	إِحْتَبَبْنَا	أِحْتَبَبْنَا	نَحْنُ	إِقْتَرَبَ	ج ن ب
5	نَاقَفُوا	نُوقِفُوا	هُمْ	جَاهَدَ	ن ف ق
6	تَنَارَعَتَ	تُنَوَّرَعَتَ	أَنْتِ	تَعَاوَنَ	ن ز ع
7	تَطَاهَرَا	تُطَوَّهَرَا	هُمَا	تَعَاوَنَ	ظ ه ر
8	إِسْتَأْذَنَ	أُسْتَوْذِنَ	هُنَّ	إِسْتَعْفَرَ	أ ذ ن
9	أَنْبَيْتُمْ	أُنْبِئْتُمْ	أَنْتُمْ	أَسْلَمَ	ن ب ت
10	إِسْتَعْفَرْنَا	أُسْتَعْفِرْنَا	نَحْنُ	إِسْتَعْفَرَ	غ ف ر
11	تَرَبَّصْنَا	تُرَبِّصْنَا	نَحْنُ	أَسْلَمَ	ر ب ص
12	إِسْتَكْبَرْنَا	أُسْتَكْبِرْنَا	أَنْتِ	إِسْتَعْفَرَ	ك ب ر
13	تَفَرَّقَتِ	تُفَرِّقَتِ	أَنْتِ	تَفَرَّقَ	ف ر ق
14	إِقْتَاتَلْنَا	أِقْتَاتَلْنَا	أَنْتُمْ	إِقْتَرَبَ	ق ت ل
15	صَغَرَ	صُغِرَ	هُوَ	كَرُمَ	ص غ ر
16	إِنْشَرْنَا	أِنْشِرْنَا	أَنْتُمْ	إِقْتَرَبَ	ت ش ر
17	تَخَاصَمَتْ	تُخَوِّصَمَتْ	هِيَ	تَعَاوَنَ	خ ص م
18	فَرَّقَتْ	فُرِّقَتْ	هِيَ	عَلِمَ	ف ر ق
19	سَبَّخْنَا	سُبِّخْنَا	أَنْتِ	عَلِمَ	س ب ح
20	إِنْطَلَقْنَا	أِنْطَلِقْنَا	أَنْتُمْ	إِنْقَلَبَ	ط ل ق
21	إِسْتَعْجَلُوا	أُسْتَعْجَلُوا	هُمْ	إِسْتَعْفَرَ	ع ج ل
22	أَنْفَخَتْ	أُنْفِخَتْ	أَنْتِ	أَسْلَمَ	ق خ ت
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23	نَظَرَتْ	نُظِرَتْ	هِيَ	نَصَرَ	ظ ه ر
24	تَبَرَّأَتْ	تُبْرَأَتْ	أَنَا	تَفَرَّقَ	ب ر أ
25	إِتَّبَعْتُمْ	أِتَّبِعْتُمْ	أَنْتُمْ	عَلِمَ	ت ب ع
26	تَقَلَّعْتُمْ	تُقَلِّعْتُمْ	أَنْتُمْ	تَفَرَّقَ	ق ل ع
27	حَسِرْتُمْ	حُسِرْتُمْ	أَنْتُمْ	نَصَرَ	ح ش ر
28	غَادَرْنَا	غُوْدِرْنَا	هُمَا	جَاهَدَ	غ د ر

29	أَرْسَلَتْ	أَرْسَلْتُ	هِيَ	أَسْلَمَ	ر س ل
30	كَفَرَتْ	كَفَرْتُ	هِيَ	نَصَرَ	ك ف ر
31	نَفَخَتْ	نَفَخْتُ	أَنْتِ	نَصَرَ	ن ف خ
32	بَيَّنَّ	بَيَّنَّ	هُنَّ	عَلِمَ	ب ي ن
33	تَأَذَّنَمَا	تَأَذَّنَمَا	أَنْتُمَا	تَفَرَّقَ	أ ذ ن
34	نَصَرَا	نُصِرَا	هُمَا	نَصَرَ	ن ص ر
35	ذَكَرْتُ	ذَكَرْتُ	أَنَا	عَلِمَ	ذ ك ر
36	أَعْجَبْتُ	أَعْجَبْتُ	هِيَ	أَسْلَمَ	ع ج ب
37	ذَكَرَ	ذَكَرَ	هُوَ	نَصَرَ	ذ ك ر
38	رَفَعَتْ	رَفَعْتُ	أَنْتِ	فَتَحَ	ر ف ع
39	إِنْتَصَرْتُمَا	إِنْتَصَرْتُمَا	أَنْتُمَا	إِنْقَلَبَ	ت ص ر
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Converting to Commanding and Forbidding F'il

How do we make the word **أَجَعَلْتُمْ** into Commanding or Forbidding Charts?

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أَجَعَلْتُمْ

Here the Fi'l is starting with a *Hamza* and ending with *Tum*. It also ends with a *Sukoon* so the word is most likely a F'il. It might be a Present Tense Fi'l as these start with *أَنْتِ*, but the ending of this word does not match any of the Present Tense endings (*أُ/أُ + u*). This means its not a Present Tense Fi'l.

Let's see if it is a Past Tense Fi'l. The ending matches with **ANTUM NASARTUM** so it is a Past Tense Fi'l.

Step 2.

What is the Family for the following word?

أَجَعَلْتُمْ

We need to decide if it is from the 6 small families or 8 big families. If we remove the *TUM* from the Past Tense Fi'l, we are left with more than 3 letters and since we know it is not a Present Tense, it cannot be from the 6 small families.

You just eliminated 6 out of 14 Options! EXCELLENT! ALHAMDULILLAH!

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ا + letter ف with fatha, followed by ا

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F8: Iqtaraba, Yaqtaribu...

ت before the ف with sukoon, then

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أ before the ف letter with sukoon

Now examine the word **أَجَعَلْتُمْ** using the above.

We have a **أَ** with a Fatha before the ف letter, so its Aslama Family, Active Past Tense.

Step 3.

How do we make the word **أَجَعَلْتُمْ** into Commanding or Forbidding Charts?

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COMMANDING CHART

We now know that the word **أَجَعَلْتُمْ** is Active Past Tense from the Aslama Family, we need to follow the below process.

a. Make it the Huwa Version

أَجْعَلْ >---- أَجَعَلْتُمْ

b. Make it the Present Tense Active Version

يُجْعَلُ >---- أَجْعَلْ

c. Replace the *Yaa* with a *Taa*

تُجْعَلُ >---- يُجْعَلُ

d. Make it the Lightest form with Sukoon

تُجْعِلُ >---- تُجْعِلُ

e. Drop the *Taa*

تُجْعِلُ >---- جُعِلُ

f. We can't read the word like that, so add a helper Alif. For Aslama Family, we change the helper Alif to a Hamza and instead of the Hamza having the sign of the 2nd last letter, we add a Fatha for this family. (Exception Only)

أَجْعِلُ >---- جُعِلُ

Now let's go over the [Commanding Chart](#)

أَجْعِلُوا	أَجْعِلَا	أَجْعِلْ
أَجْعِلْنَ	أَجْعِلَا	أَجْعِلِي

FORBIDDING CHART

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c. Replace the *Yaa* with a *Taa*

يُجْعِلُ >---- تُجْعِلُ

d. Make it the Lightest form with Sukoon

تُجْعِلُ ----> تُجْعِلُ

e. Add the Forbidding لا

لَا تُجْعِلُ ----> لَا تُجْعِلُ

Now let's go over the [Forbidding Chart](#)

لَا تُجْعِلُوا	لَا تُجْعِلَا	لَا تُجْعِلِ
لَا تُجْعِلْنَ	لَا تُجْعِلَا	لَا تُجْعِلِي