

INVESTIGATING A MYSTERY **FROM ARABIC TALES**

One of the great mysteries of the beginning of the ERA of SARF is to be able to figure out the great mystery of the tenses.

Fils have eluded us since ustadh introduced them to us and with the mixing in of the detail to the already mysterious Fil and inside doer and outside doer we are left with a conundrum of a puzzle.

So as part of an Elite Sarf Police it is our responsibility and duty to investigate this puzzle. So let's get our Sarf Hats on and armed with weapons of our Workbook let's get started on our arduous journey my fellow investigators. We shall start from the simple stuff and work our way to the more mind boggling stuff.

PAST TENSE :-

I was just going along minding my own business when suddenly I stumbled upon a new word. That word was

نَصَرَ

Which was different from any ism I had done before and being naturally curious (some say nosey) took out my infometer (Ustadh database) which I had gotten from the Grammer underground network and scanned the mysterious word. It was a new find Allah Akber. It informed me that this word is a Fil.

نَصَرَ فعل ؟

Again I took out the infometer and typed in the word and it gave me the meaning He Helped

He helped نَصَرَ

What a twist one word with a 2 word meaning 😲. I was expecting one word and tripped on the next. I was left dumbfounded and upside down .

So I righted myself and looked around to see who was watching but nobody was giving me any notice whatsoever.

So I resumed my sleuthing and tried to decode the one word fil which meant,

نَصَرَ = He (Hidden Doer of Action) + Helped (Action)

To my never ending surprise I found that every fil has an inside doer which is cloaked in darkness hidden from the world. The infometer came to the rescue again at helping to learn more about this fascinating word.

MEANING	SIGN OF DOER & "Sound"	FIL	
He helped	"a" نَصَرَ	هُوَ نَصَرَ	3rd Person Sing. Masc. Fil
They both (M) helped	"aa" نَصَرَ + ا	هُمَا نَصَرَ	3rd Person Dual Masc. Fil
They all (M) helped	"oo" نَصَرُوا + وا	هُمْ نَصَرُوا	3rd Person Plu. Masc. Fil
She helped	"at" نَصَرَ + تْ	هِيَ نَصَرَتْ	3rd Person Sing. Fem. Fil
They both (F) helped	ataa" نَصَرَ + تَا "	هُمَا نَصَرَتَا	3rd Person Dual Fem. Fil
They all (M)	"na" نَصَرَ + نَ	هُنَّ نَصَرْنَ	3rd. Person Plu. Fem. Fil
You (M) helped	"ta" نَصَرَ + تَ	أَنْتَ نَصَرْتَ	2nd Person

			Sing. Masc. Fil
You both (M) helped	"tuma" نَصَرَ + تُمَا	أَنْتُمَا نَصَرْتُمَا	2nd Person Dual Masc. Fil
You all (M) helped	"tum" نَصَرَ + تُمْ	أَنْتُمْ نَصَرْتُمْ	2nd Person Plu. Masc. Fil
You (F) helped	"ti" نَصَرَ + تِ	أَنْتِ نَصَرْتِ	2nd Person Sing. Fem Fil
You both (F) helped	"tuma" نَصَرَ + تُمَا	أَنْتُمَا نَصَرْتُمَا	2nd Person Dual Fem. Fil
You all (F) helped	tunna" نَصَرَ + تُنَّ "	أَنْتُنَّ نَصَرْتُنَّ	2nd Person Plu. Fem. Fil
I helped	"tu" نَصَرَ + تُ	أَنَا نَصَرْتُ	1st Person Sing Masc. Fem. Fil
We both helped Or We all helped	"naa" نَصَرَ + نَا	نَحْنُ نَصَرْنَا	1st Person Dual. Plu. Masc. Fem Fil

PRESENT TENSE :-

When I went ahead on my journey I again came upon a new looking word and had no idea what this was so being extra careful I came closer only to discover a word somewhat similar to the past tense word I saw before. I took out my infometer and scanned the word. It told me it was a word used to show an action happening in the present as well as in the future. Wow thats fascinating hmm.....

يَنْصُرُ

He(Hidden Doer) + helps(Action)

He(Hidden Doer) + will help (Action)

It was also quite a popular form of word that was frequently used but it to had a hidden doer we needed to investigate. So much like the past tense I learned more

MEANING	SIGN OF DOER & "SOUND"	FIL	
He helps or will help	يَنْصُرُ "ya/yu + u"	هُوَ يَنْصُرُ	3rd Person Sing. Masc. Fil
They both (M) help or will help	يَنْصُرَانِ + اِنْ "ya/yu + aani"	هُمَا يَنْصُرَانِ	3rd Person Dual Masc. Fil
They all (M) help or will help	يَنْصُرُونَ + وَنْ "ya/yu + oona "	هُمْ يَنْصُرُونَ	3rd Person Plu. Masc. Fil
She helps or will help	تَنْصُرُ "ta/tu + u"	هِيَ تَنْصُرُ	3rd Person Sing. Fem. Fil
They both (F) help or will help	تَنْصُرَانِ + اِنْ "ta/tu + aani"	هُمَا تَنْصُرَانِ	3rd Person Dual Fem. Fil
They all (F) help or will help	يَنْصُرْنَ + نَنْ "ya/yu + na"	هُنَّ يَنْصُرْنَ	3rd. Person Plu. Fem. Fil
You (M) help or will help	تَنْصُرُ "ta/tu + u"	أَنْتَ تَنْصُرُ	2nd Person Sing. Masc. Fil
You both (M) help or will help	تَنْصُرَانِ + اِنْ "ta/tu + aani"	أَنْتُمَا تَنْصُرَانِ	2nd Person Dual Masc. Fil
You all (M) help or will help	تَنْصُرُونَ + وَنْ "ta/tu + oona"	أَنْتُمْ تَنْصُرُونَ	2nd Person Plu. Masc. Fil
You (F) help or will help	تَنْصُرِينَ + يَنْ "ta/tu + eena"	أَنْتِ تَنْصُرِينَ	2nd Person Sing. Fem. Fil
You both (F) help or will help	تَنْصُرَانِ + اِنْ "ta/tu + aani"	أَنْتُمَا تَنْصُرَانِ	2nd Person Dual Fem. Fil
You all (F) help	تَنْصُرْنَ + نَنْ "ta/tu + na"	أَنْتُنَّ تَنْصُرْنَ	2nd Person Plu.

or will help	"ta/tu + na"		Fem. Fil
I help or will help	"a/u + u" أَنْصُرُ	أَنَا أَنْصُرُ	1st Person Sing Masc. Fem. Fil
We help or will help	"na/nu + u" نَنْصُرُ	نَحْنُ نَنْصُرُ	1st Person Dual. Plu. Masc. Fem Fil

Wow so many words and so many combinations. It's a whole new universe

OUTSIDE DOER :-

So I amble along my way and wonder is the Doer always hidden? It can't be nice to always be hidden but then I remembered that the sun was shining and the birds were flying so there were doers everywhere not hidden. How to make the Doer of the Fil come out of the closet? While wondering this I met نَصَرَ (the هُوَ version) and his sister نَصَرَتْ (the هِيَ version). I explained to them my predicament and they said conspicuously that only they had the key to let the doer outside. So if you see the outside doer always no we are behind the outside doer walking ahead having a Dammah turban on its head.

In the past tense the outside doer comes after the hua and hiya fil

Zaid helped نَصَرَ زَيْدٌ

Fatimah helped نَصَرَتْ فَاطِمَةَ

The same occurs in present tense as well,

Zaid helps or will help يَنْصُرُ زَيْدًا

Fatimah helps or will help تَنْصُرُ قَاطِمَةً

WORD ANALYSIS :-

So finally happy from setting free i skipped along the mountain and was about to turn towards a beach I could see from here, that I saw another brightly coloured word that was different yet again. I was getting excited at the prospect of earthing another treasure and took my place on the bolder and began to scan the word with my infometer and was awed at finding out that not only was the word a fil but it also had detail with it . The word was,

نَصْرُتُكُمْ

Hmm yikes 😬 how do I guess what it is ? Hmm.....

Well its not gonna solve by itself so let's see

STEP 1 :-

I recalled my encounter with the past tense words i saw first on my journey and the above ending did not match any of those. So I then recalled the present tense and still no ending was matching so something was up.

STEP 2 :-

I must be missing something but what ? So we break the LAST PART off that might look like an attached pronoun

نَصْرَتْ كُمْ

And Lo and behold we can see a word that looks like my friend.

STEP 3 :-

Once I was alerted that the word that was left behind after the treacherous attached pronoun was blown away is looking mighty familiar. So I took out my Sarf Hat and went sleuthing into the land of the charts and with the picture of Nasartu went to look for it and viola found it in the past tense chart so it was ANA NASARTU

I helped أَنَا نَصَرْتُ

STEP 4 :-

I became somewhat relaxed because once they were apart I recognized that the word in front of me wasn't a foe but one of my new friends. So I first went to it and had a chat,

tu" ending" = نَصَرْتُ

Past tense ending I helped

Then not wanting to be rude I also went upto Kuma and went near to investigate and boom another find

= كُما

an attached pronoun in nasb status detail
You both.

Attached pronouns will come from page 18

Hidden pronouns from past tense will come from page 33

Hidden pronouns from present tense will come from page 39.

STEP 5 :-

So the two friends stood together as only friends can do and gave meaning to what they did in friendship, So the word meant

I helped you two .

By this time I had reached to the Summit of the Sarf Mountain and placed My Flag on top of it and placed my Hat where no hat had been placed before. Alhamdulillah I was so excited that I decided to tackle the next mountain and the next and the next...

PRACTICE :-

Now the Five steps of Scaling the Sarf Mountain are as follows

1. If the ending is not matching any word in the chart we break it up and see if we have an attached pronoun or not
2. Then if it is an attached pronoun we deal with it later and first try to match the remaining word with the past or present tense chart And translate it
3. Then we look at the remaining part of the word that is an attached pronoun and translate it
4. Then put the two parts together and translate the whole word together

WORDS :-

1. نَصَرْتُكَ

Step 1 ---> Ending does not match any chart so break the word

نَصَرْتُكَ = نَصَرْتُ + كُ

Step 2 ---> Take the first part and match the word to the endings of past and the beginning and ending of the present tense. It matches the past tense Ana Nasartu

نَصَرْتُ (Past tense Ana)

I helped

Step 3----> identify and translate the attached pronoun

كُنَّ (Attached pronoun detail)

You all (Feminine)

Step 4 ----> translate together

I helped you all (F)

2. أَشْرَكْتُمْ

Step 1 ----> past tense ending matches to Antum Nasartum

Skip steps 2 and 3

Step 4 ----> You all associated partners (to Allah)

3. أَقَامُوهُمَا

Step 1 ----> ending doesn't match past and present tense charts so break the word. Divide and conquer

أَقَامُوهُمَا = أَقَامُوا + هُمَا

Step 2 ----> Take first word and match it to both charts.

أَقَامُوا

Match in past tense chart Hum Nasaroo

They all (M) straightened/raised

Step 3 ----> Identify and translate the attached pronoun

هُمَا

Attached pronoun detail

Them both

Step 4 ----> translate together

They all (M) straightend them both

4. أُدْخِلْ

Special case with Hamzah in the beginning

Step 1 ----> Seeing hamzah in the beginning match it with present tense beginning and combination of Ana Ansuru

" a/u + u" أَنْصُرُ

Matches

Skip all other steps

Step 4 ----> Then translate (advanced)

5. يُفَرِّقَنَّ

Step 1----> Look at the past tense chart does not march then look at present tense chart matches it

"ya/yu + na" يُفَرِّقَنَّ

It is Hunna Yansurna version of present tense

Skip step 2 and 3

Step 4 ----> They all (F) separate or will separate

6. تَعَاوَنُوا

Step 1 ----> matches the past tense ending Hum Nasaroo

Skip steps 2 and 3

Step 4 ----> They all helped/supported

There might be confusion as to whether this word maybe present tense light or lightest as "ta/tu + oo".

But keep in mind a few points

- a. A present tense is normal by default
- b. It is only light or lightest due to some reason before it
- c. If a word is by itself we will first assume it is normal
- d. Follow the steps
- e. We will get more info once we do different forms of fil in shaa Allah

7. تَنَافَسْنَا

Step 1 ----> matches ending pf past tense Huma Nasarataa

If past tense ending matches we will ignore the beginning

Skip 2 and 3

Step 4 ----> They both competed

8. يُؤْمِنُ

يُؤْمِنُ

So when we want to use it as a fil with inside doer hunna هُنَّ we did

يَنْصُرُ + نَ

So we add نَ to the end of the present tense so when we apply this to yuminu

We will first put sukoon on the noon on yuminu so it will become yumin then add نَ

يُؤْمِنُ + نَ

Now because there are two same letters two noons we see the first one is saakin and the next is with a harakah and we know that

When two same letters come together with first one with sukoon and the next one with harakah we combine them and put shaddah on top

So

يُؤْمِنُ + نَ = يُؤْمِنٌ

As the last noon out of the two noon is noon of niswab which does not get dropped in light and lightest it will remain yuminna in normal light and lightest versions

9. اَتَيْنُمُوهُنَّ

Step 1 ---> does not match past tense ending nor does it match present tense ending so break the word

اَتَيْنُمُوهُنَّ = اَتَيْنُمُوهُ + نَّ

Step 2 ---> Identify and translate the first part match it to both the charts but it doesn't match. Why ?

اَتَيْنُمُوهُ = اَتَيْنُمُو + و

As is apparent we have no such ending of tumoo in past or present so this is something else .

In reality it is

But the wow is added to tum to make it into tumoo to make it easier to recite or pronounce. It would have been awkward to say Aataytum hunna so they made it aataytum oo hunna

So it is Antum Nasartum meaning

You all (M) came

Step 3 ----> identify and translate the attached pronoun

Attached pronoun detail meaning they all (F)

Step 4 ----> Translate together

You all (M) came to them all (F)