

The clash of the Titans (Nahw & Sarf)

* Arabic Tales*

On the one corner we have _Nahw_ with its army of _Faail_ and _Mafool_ .

While on the other side we have _Sarf_ with its minions _Ism Faail_ and _Ism Mafool_.

Faail and _Mafool_ were having a great time when they saw _Ism Faail_ and _Ism Mafool_ on the other side of the field. They seem to be looking for someone when out of no where they see _Nahw_ and _Sarf_ arguing with each other heatedly.

Out of curiosity _Faail_ started to slowly make its way to the other side and saw _Ism Faail_ and _Ism Mafool_ flanking _Sarf_, while _Nahw_ was facing them all along. _Mafool_ picking up courage along the way followed behind _Faail_ and they came behind _Nahw_ letting it know they had his back.

Nahw and _Sarf_ were arguing as to who was more important to their boss, the Language.

Nahw argued that it was more important as any _Ism_ could be _Faail_ and _Mafool_ . More variety helped to expand the scope of the sentence in the language industry.

It also said that _Faail_ with its _Raf_ status and _Mafool_ with its _Nasb_ status stood out and made it easier to spot them and know what they were doing there

There were no shackles put on them to be a certain way, any _Ism_ could be a _Faail_ or _Mafool_ so it gave an air of adaptability to them, increasing their meaning. _Nahw_ took out its phone and showed _Sarf_ company pictures to prove its claim.

Sentence

Active Fil + Doer(Raf) + Detail(Nasb)

= Active Fil + Faail + Mafool

نَصَرَ زَيْدٌ حَامِدًا

Zaid helped Hamid

Nahw said look Zaid is posing as _Raf_ Ism_ as its the doer and Hamid is the playing the part of the victim as it is in the _Nasb_ status.

نَصَرَ حَامِدٌ زَيْدًا

Hamid helped Zaid

In another picture _Nahw_ showed that now Hamid was playing as the _Raf_ doer and Zaid was playing the role of _Nasb_ detail.

Sentence

Passive Fil + Done To

= Passive Fil - Faail + Mafool (Raf status)

نُصِرَ زَيْدٌ

Zaid was helped

Now _Sarf_ got really offended and said what are you going on about the words you play around with are all formed by me. Be it _F'il_ or _Ism_ they are formed under my department.

It motioned towards its friends _Ism Faail_ and _Ism Mafool_. It said these are powerful words that have a base in the _F'is_ they are derived from. These words play an important role in determining the names of the people doing certain jobs. Look at _Kaatibun_ writing the _Maktoobun_.

The word كَاتِبٌ is an _Ism Faail_ made from the verb كَتَبَ meaning the 'one who writes' or we can say 'A WRITER'.

The _Maktoobun_ مَكْتُوبٌ is the thing that is being written. It is also made from the _F'il_ كَتَبَ

Then _Sarf_ went on to show _Nahw_ of the many different types of _Ism Faail_ like:

مُخْبِرٌ ، مُسَلِّمٌ ، Aslama Family
مُجَاهِدٌ

And _Ism Mafool_ like

مُخْبِرٌ ، مُسَلِّمٌ ، Aslama Family
مُجَاهِدٌ

And many more. _Sarf_ pointed out that _Ism Faail_ and _Ism Mafool_ could play any role they want in the sentence. They can be doers as well as detail as well as take on all the properties of _Isms_ following the MUSLIM CHART.

دَرَسَ الْمُعَلِّمُ فِي الْمَدْرَسَةِ

The TEACHER taught in the school.
Ism Faail as doer in _Raf_ status

نَصَرَ زَيْدٌ مُعَلِّمًا

Zaid helped a TEACHER.
Ism Faail as detail in _Nasb_ status

وَلَدُ الْمُعَلِّمِ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ

The son of the TEACHER is in the masjid.
Ism Faail is _Mudaf Ilayhi_ so in _Jarr_ status

My other friend the _Ism Mafool_ can do this as well,

دَرَسَ الْمُعَلِّمُ فِي فَصْلِ الْمَدْرَسَةِ

The ONE BEING TAUGHT learned in the class of the school.

Ism Mafool is doer in _Raf'_ status

ضَرَبَ حَامِدٌ مُعَلِّمًا

Hamid hit the ONE BEING TAUGHT.

Ism Mafool is detail/victim so _Nasb_ status

قَرَأَ وَلَدٌ كِتَابَهُ مَعَ الْمُعَلِّمِ

The boy studied his book with the ONE BEING TAUGHT.

Ism Mafool is _Mudaf Ilayhi_ in _Jarr_ status.

While the argument was going on the CEO of the Language company 'Arabic' showed up and chastised both _Sarf_ and _Nahw_ for arguing and raising up a storm. He advised them that they were different departments with different rules which should not be mixed and confused or even compared. So they should go back to their departments and observe their rules and responsibilities.

Thus Arabic resolved the dispute and everyone lived happily ever afterlollllsssss