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الأمر

# The Imperative

Command Form in Arabic

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Focus: Amr Hazir — Direct Commands

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أمر حَاضِرٌ

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Sulasi Mujarrad — Small Families

ثُلَاثِي مُجَرَّدٌ

## 1. What is Amr?

مَا هُوَ الأَمْرُ؟

Amr means COMMAND. It's when you tell someone to DO something.

In English, we say things like:

**"Eat!" "Sit down!" "Open the book!" "Run!"**

In Arabic, it works the same way – you give an order to someone.

The person you are commanding is RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

### KEY CONCEPT

Amr is the COMMAND form of a verb. Instead of "he eats" – you say "EAT!"

## 2. Two Types of Amr

نَوْعَانِ مِنَ الأَمْرِ

### Amr Hazir

أَمْرٌ حَاضِرٌ

Command to someone  
IN FRONT of you (2nd person)

**"Eat!" "Drink!" "Go!"**

### Amr Ghaib

أَمْرٌ غَائِبٌ

Command to someone  
NOT in front (3rd / 1st person)

**"He should eat" "I should go"**

### TODAY'S FOCUS: Amr Hazir – Direct Commands (2nd Person)

#### Where do we start?

We will work with the SMALL FAMILIES only:

**Sulasi Mujarrad**

ثَلَاثِي مُجَرَّدٌ

= 3-letter root verbs

### 3. How to Make Amr Hazir — 4 Easy Steps

كَيْفَ نَصْنَعُ أَمْرًا حَاضِرًا

We start from the Mudari' (present tense) — NOT from the Madi (past)!

#### 1 Start with the Mudari' (present tense)

Take the "he does" form of the verb.

يَفْعَلُ / يَنْصُرُ / يَضْرِبُ

#### 2 Remove the Mudari' prefix letter

Delete the first letter (always: ya, ta, alif, or nun).

يَنْصُرُ ← نَصْرُ

#### 3 Put Sukoon on the LAST letter

The ending vowel becomes silent (sukoon).

نَصْرُ ← نَصْرٌ

#### 4 Check the FIRST letter — need Hamzat ul-Wasl?

If first remaining letter HAS a vowel (mutaharrik) DONE!

If it has NO vowel (saakin) ADD Hamzat ul-Wasl.

What vowel goes on the Hamza?

- Middle letter DAMMA Hamza gets DAMMA (u)
- Middle letter FATHA or KASRA Hamza gets KASRA (i)

#### MEMORY TIP:

Hamzat ul-Wasl is a "helper" — it only comes when the first letter is silent (saakin) and needs a vowel to be pronounced!

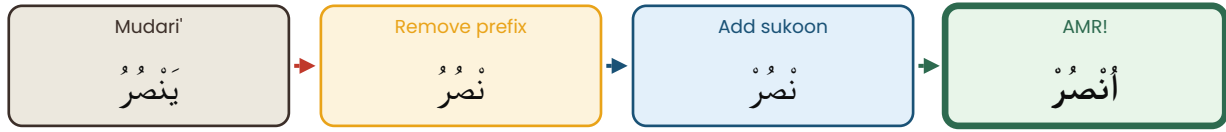
**Family 1:**

فَعَلَ يَفْعَلُ

(middle has DAMMA in Mudari')

**Example:** نَصَرَ يَنْصُرُ = to help

**STEP-BY-STEP:**



First letter (nun) is SAAKIN need Hamzat ul-Wasl  
 Middle root letter has DAMMA Hamza gets DAMMA

أَنْصُرْ

**More examples from Family 1:**

- كَتَبَ يَكْتُبُ → اُكْتُبْ to write Write!
- دَخَلَ يَدْخُلُ → ادْخُلْ to enter Enter!
- خَرَجَ يَخْرُجُ → اُخْرَجْ to exit Exit!
- قَتَلَ يَقْتُلُ → اقْتُلْ to fight Fight!

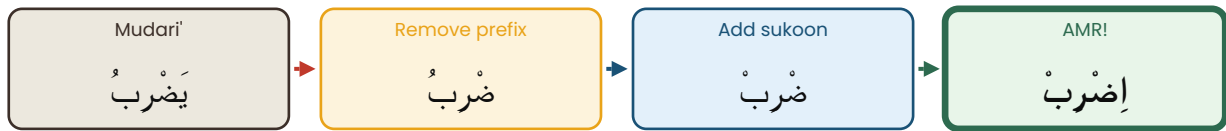
**Family 2:**

فَعَلَ يَفْعِلُ

(middle has KASRA in Mudari')

**Example:** ضَرَبَ يَضْرِبُ = to hit

**STEP-BY-STEP:**



First letter (daad) is SAAKIN need Hamzat ul-Wasl  
 Middle root letter has KASRA Hamza gets KASRA

اِضْرِبْ

**More examples from Family 2:**

- جَلَسَ يَجْلِسُ → اجْلِسْ to sit Sit!
- رَجَعَ يَرْجِعُ → ارْجِعْ to return Return!
- نَزَلَ يَنْزِلُ → انْزِلْ to descend Come down!

**Family 3:**

فَعَلَ يَفْعَلُ

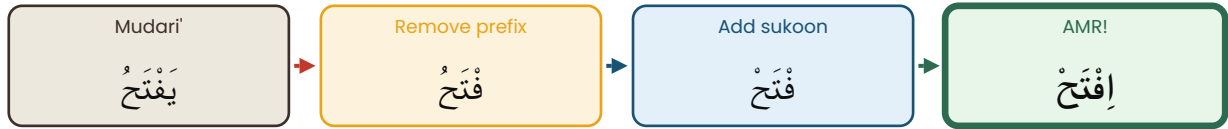
(middle has FATHA in Mudari')

**Example:**

فَتَحَّ يَفْتَحُ

= to open

**STEP-BY-STEP:**



Middle root letter has FATHA but Hamza still gets KASRA!

اِفْتَحْ

**IMPORTANT RULE:**

When the middle letter has FATHA, the Hamza still gets KASRA (not Fatha).

**More examples from Family 3:**

- ذَهَبَ يَذْهَبُ → اِذْهَبْ to go Go!
- مَنَعَ يَمْنَعُ → اِمْنَعْ to prevent Prevent!
- قَرَأَ يَقْرَأُ → اِقْرَأْ to read Read!

**Family 4:**

فَعَلَ يَفْعَلُ

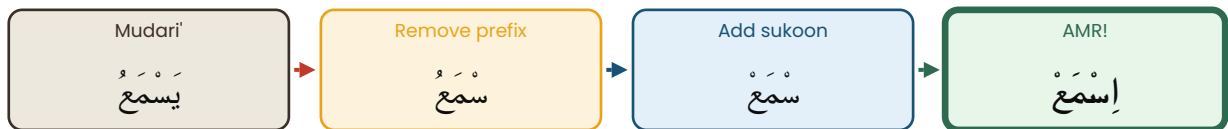
(Madi has Kasra, Mudari' has Fatha)

**Example:**

سَمِعَ يَسْمَعُ

= to hear / listen

**STEP-BY-STEP:**



Same rule as Family 3 – middle has FATHA Hamza gets KASRA

اسْمَعْ

**More examples from Family 4:**

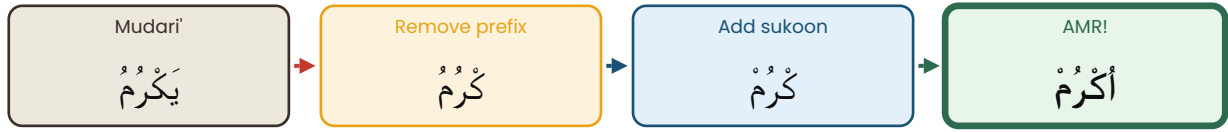
- عَلِمَ يَعْلَمُ → اِعْلَمْ to know Know!
- شَرَبَ يَشْرَبُ → اِشْرَبْ to drink Drink!
- لَعِبَ يَلْعَبُ → اِلْعَبْ to play Play!

**Family 5:** فَعْلٌ يَفْعُلُ

(Madi has Damma, Mudari' has Damma)

**Example:** كَرُمٌ يَكْرُمُ = to be noble / generous

**STEP-BY-STEP:**



Middle letter has DAMMA Hamza gets DAMMA

(Note: Family 5 verbs are rare – they describe qualities, not actions)

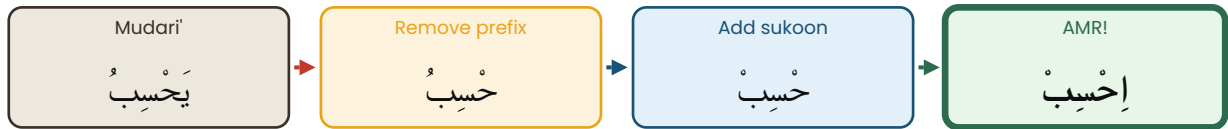
أَكْرُمُ

**Family 6:** فَعْلٌ يَفْعِلُ

(Madi has Kasra, Mudari' has Kasra)

**Example:** حَسِبٌ يَحْسِبُ = to think / assume

**STEP-BY-STEP:**



Middle letter has KASRA Hamza gets KASRA

اِحْسِبْ

**THE GOLDEN RULE — HAMZAT UL-WASL SUMMARY**

<b>Middle has DAMMA</b>	Hamza gets DAMMA	أ
<b>Middle has FATHA</b>	Hamza gets KASRA	إ
<b>Middle has KASRA</b>	Hamza gets KASRA	إ

**SPECIAL CASE: When you DON'T need Hamza**

Some verbs have a VOWEL on the first letter after removing prefix no Hamza!

Example: ya'idu 'id (Promise!)

## 4. Practice Exercises

## تَمَارِين

### Exercise 1: Identify the Family

Which family does each verb belong to? (Check the middle letter's vowel)

1. يَكْتُبُ                      Family: \_\_\_\_\_
2. يَجْلِسُ                     Family: \_\_\_\_\_
3. يَفْتَحُ                     Family: \_\_\_\_\_
4. يَشْرَبُ                     Family: \_\_\_\_\_
5. يَخْرُجُ                     Family: \_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise 2: Convert to Amr

Convert each Mudari' verb into its Amr Hazir form.

1. يَنْظُرُ                     → .....
2. يَضْرِبُ                    → .....
3. يَذْهَبُ                    → .....
4. يَعْلَمُ                     → .....
5. يَكْرُمُ                    → .....
6. يَسْمَعُ                    → .....

### Exercise 3: Quranic Practice

These appear in the Quran. Identify the root and family.

1. اُدْخُلُوا                    Root: \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_
2. اِقْرَأْ                        Root: \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_
3. اِذْهَبْ                        Root: \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_
4. اُنْظُرْ                        Root: \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_
5. اِسْمَعُوا                    Root: \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise 4: Translate to Arabic Commands

1. Write!                     .....
2. Sit!                         .....
3. Enter!                     .....
4. Read!                     .....
5. Drink!                    .....

## 5. Answer Key

## الإجابات

## Exercise 1:

يَكْتُبُ	Family 1 (Damma)
يَجْلِسُ	Family 2 (Kasra)
يَفْتَحُ	Family 3 (Fatha)
يَشْرَبُ	Family 4 (Fatha, Madi Kasra)
يَخْرُجُ	Family 1 (Damma)

## Exercise 2:

يَنْظُرُ	أَنْظُرُ	Fam 1: Damma Hamza Damma
يَضْرِبُ	إِضْرِبُ	Fam 2: Kasra Hamza Kasra
يَذْهَبُ	إِذْهَبُ	Fam 3: Fatha Hamza Kasra
يَعْلَمُ	إِعْلَمُ	Fam 4: Fatha Hamza Kasra
يَكْرُمُ	أَكْرُمُ	Fam 5: Damma Hamza Damma
يَسْمَعُ	إِسْمَعُ	Fam 4: Fatha Hamza Kasra

## Exercise 3:

أَدْخُلُوا	Root: -- Fam 1 Enter! (plural)
اقْرَأْ	Root: -- Fam 3 Read!
إِذْهَبْ	Root: -- Fam 3 Go!
انظُرْ	Root: -- Fam 1 Look!
اسْمَعُوا	Root: -- Fam 4 Listen! (plural)

## Exercise 4:

Write!	اُكْتُبْ
Sit!	اجْلِسْ
Enter!	ادْخُلْ
Read!	اقْرَأْ
Drink!	اشْرَبْ

## Next Lesson Preview:

Amr forms for ALL 14 pronouns – and then Amr Ghaib!