



الْحُرُوفُ الْجَائِزَةُ

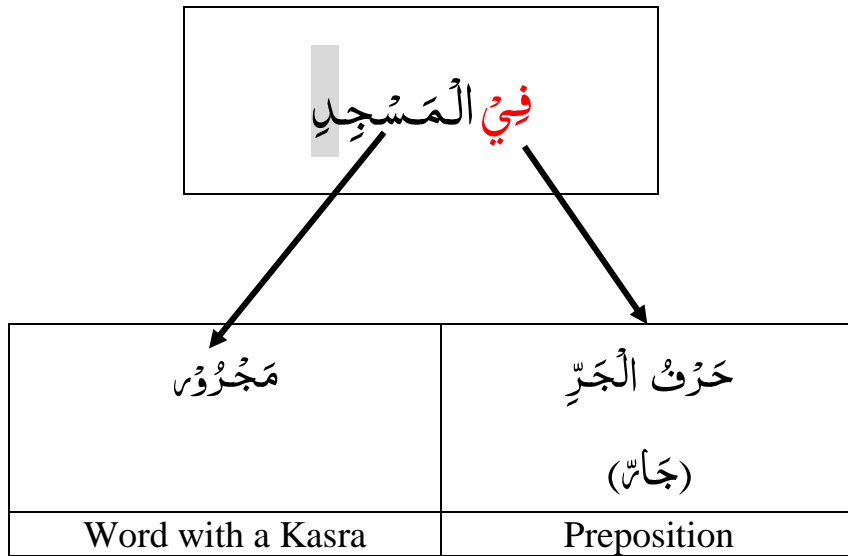
Prepositions

What is a preposition?

1. Other than nouns and verbs, there are other words which are known as Particles.
2. Particles are not always the main component in a sentence; rather they link parts of the sentence together, so that (for example) the meaning is clearer.
3. Prepositions are not verbs or nouns, but particles.
4. Prepositions can be described as:
 - A **preposition** is a word used to link nouns, pronouns, or phrases to other words within a sentence.
 - They act to connect (for example) the people and objects of a sentence.
 - **Prepositions** are usually “short” words, and they are normally placed directly in front of nouns.
5. Examples of prepositions in Arabic are words like:

1	2	3
فِي	مِنْ	إِلَى
In	From	To / Towards

6. Note the following:



7. The most important point to note is the Harakah: The Majroor will contain a Kasra.
8. A preposition will ONLY come before a noun. A verb will NEVER have a preposition before it.
9. Hence a preposition before a word is a sign that the word is a noun.
10. جَائِرٌ و مجرورٌ by itself is never a complete sentence. Rather they form a part of a sentence.
11. Ponder carefully over the following examples, where the جَائِرٌ و مجرورٌ have been used in sentences. Note carefully what part of the sentence they form.

Example 1a:

خبر in a “simple” sentence and forming the جائر و مجرور

الْوَلَدُ فِي الْبَيْتِ .
The boy is <u>in the house</u> .
مبتدأ و خبر (خبر = جائر و مجرور)

Example 1b:

الْكَلْبُ عَلَى السَّقْفِ .
The dog is <u>on the roof</u> .
مبتدأ و خبر (خبر = جائر و مجرور)

Example 2a:

خبر in a “simple” sentence and being part of the جائر و مجرور

2	1
الْمُهَنْدِسُ جَالِسٌ فِي الْبَيْتِ .	الْمُهَنْدِسُ جَالِسٌ .
The engineer is sitting <u>in the house</u> .	The engineer is sitting.
مبتدأ و خبر + جائر و مجرور	مبتدأ و خبر

Example 2b:

2	1
الرَّجُلُ نَائِمٌ فِي الْعُرْفَةِ .	الرَّجُلُ نَائِمٌ .
The man is sleeping <u>in the room</u> .	The man is sleeping.
مبتدأ و خبر + جائر و مجرور	مبتدأ و خبر

Example 3a:

جاء و مجرور in a verbal sentence.

2	1
كَتَبَ الطَّالِبُ عَلَى السَّبُّورَةِ.	كَتَبَ الطَّالِبُ.
The student wrote <u>on the blackboard</u> .	The student wrote.
فعل و فاعل و جَاء و مَجْرُور	فعل و فاعل

Example 3b:

2	1
أَكَلَ الرَّجُلُ فِي الْمَطْعَمِ.	أَكَلَ الرَّجُلُ.
The man ate <u>in the restaurant</u> .	The man ate.
فعل و فاعل و جَاء و مَجْرُور	فعل و فاعل

Example 4a:

جاء و مجرور in a verbal sentence.

2	1
يَشْرَبُ الْوَلَدُ مِنْ بئرٍ.	يَشْرَبُ الْوَلَدُ.
The boy is drinking <u>from a well</u> .	The boy is drinking / will drink.
فعل و فاعل و جَاء و مَجْرُور	فعل و فاعل

Example 4b:

2	1
نَذْهَبُ إِلَى السُّوقِ.	نَذْهَبُ.
We are going <u>to the market</u> .	We are going / will go.
فعل و فاعل و جَاء و مَجْرُور	فعل و فاعل (نَحْنُ)

How many prepositions are there?

There are a total of 17 prepositions in Arabic.

Learn the 17 prepositions in the following order (as a rhyme).

5	4	3	2	1
وَإِو	لَام	كَانَ	تَاء	بَاء

8	7	6
خَلَا	مُنْذُ	مُنْذُ

12	11	10	9
عَدَا	مِنْ	حَاشَا	رُبَّ

17	16	15	14	13
إِلَى	حَتَّى	عَلَى	عَنْ	فِي

What are the most commonly used prepositions for beginners?

We will be using the following prepositions in our exercises and daily work:

7	6	5	4	3	2	1
إِلَى	حَتَّى	عَلَى	فِي	مِنْ	لَام	كَانَ

Terminology:

الْحُرُوفُ الْجَائِزَةُ	الْحَرْفُ الْجَرِّ
Prepositions	Preposition
Plural	Singular

3	2	1
حَرْفٌ	فِعْلٌ	إِسْمٌ
Particle	Verb	Noun

مَجْرُورٌ
The noun after a preposition

Extension:

Prepositions are used for specific things / meanings. Some examples of prepositions we will be using are:

Example	Used for		Preposition	
زَيْدٌ كَالْأَسَدِ . <i>Zaid is like the lion.</i>	Resemblance. To compare.	تَشْبِيهِه	كَانَ	1
الْقَلَمُ لِرَازِدٍ . <i>The pen belongs to Zaid.</i>	Ownership.	تَمْلِيكَ	لَام	2
مَشَيْتُ مِنَ السُّوقِ . <i>I walked from the market.</i>	Beginning of an objective.	إِبْتِدَاءِ الْعَايَةِ	مِن	3
الْقَلَمُ فِي الْحَقِيْبَةِ . <i>The pen is in the bag.</i>	Adverbial.	ظَرْفِيَّة	فِي	4
زَيْدٌ عَلَى السَّقْفِ . <i>Zaid is on top of the roof.</i>	Elevation.	إِسْتِعْلَاءِ	عَلَى	5
قَرَأْتُ مِنَ الصَّبَاحِ حَتَّى الْمَسَاءِ . <i>I read from the morning till the evening.</i>	Ending of an objective.	إِنْتِهَاءِ الْعَايَةِ	حَتَّى	6
مَشَيْتُ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ إِلَى السُّوقِ . <i>I walked from the house to the market.</i>	Ending of an objective.	إِنْتِهَاءِ الْعَايَةِ	إِلَى	7

Notes:

- These prepositions many other uses as well – the above are the most common usages which is sufficient at this stage for beginners.
- Whenever you come across a preposition, always think of its usage – this makes translating easier.

Exercise 1

- Translate the following.
- Ensure the correct Harakah is on the noun after the preposition.

English	Arabic	
	عَلَى الْكِتَابِ.	1
	عَلَى الْكُرْسِيِّ.	2
	إِلَى الْبَيْتِ.	3
	إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ.	4
	مِنَ الْمَطْعَمِ.	5
	مِنَ الْعِرَاقِ.	6
	فِي السَّيَّارَةِ.	7
	فِي الْحَدِيقَةِ.	8
	كَالْمُدْرِسِ.	9
	كَالْأَسَدِ.	10
	حَتَّى الصَّبَاحِ.	11
	حَتَّى الْمَسَاءِ.	12
	لِلرَّجُلِ .	13
	لِلطَّيِّبِ .	14

Exercise 2

- Translate the following sentences.
- Ensure the correct Harakah is on the noun after the preposition.
- Identify the Harakah of each noun.

English	Arabic	
	أَقْلَمُ عَلَى الْكِتَابِ.	1
	الْكُرْسِيُّ عَلَى الْكُرْسِيِّ.	2
	ذَهَبُوا إِلَى الْبَيْتِ.	3
	ذَهَبْنَا إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ.	4
	خَرَجُوا مِنَ الْمَطْعَمِ.	5
	الرَّجُلُ مِنَ الْعِرَاقِ.	6
	دَخَلَ الرَّجُلُ فِي الْحَدِيقَةِ.	7
	دَخَلَتِ الْأُخْتُ فِي الْحَدِيقَةِ.	8
	جَلَسَ زَيْدٌ وَخَالِدٌ عَلَى الْحِمَارِ.	9
	زَيْدٌ كَالْأَسَدِ.	10
	الطَّالِبُ كَالْمُدَرِّسِ.	11
	الْحِصَانُ فِي الْحَدِيقَةِ.	12
	الْحِصَانُ لِلْوَلَدِ.	13
	الْكُرْسِيُّ لِلْبَيْتِ.	14

Exercise 3

- Translate the following sentences.
- Ensure the correct Harakah is on the noun after the preposition.
- Identify the Harakah of each noun.

English	Arabic	
	الْقَلَمُ لِلطَّالِبِ .	1
	الْمِفْتَاحُ عَلَى الْكِتَابِ .	2
	الْمُدْرَسَةُ فِي الْمَدْرَسَةِ .	3
	الطَّيِّبُ مِنَ الْهِنْدِ .	4
	الطَّيِّبَةُ مِنَ الْهِنْدِ .	5
	إِنَّ الطَّيِّبَ مِنَ الْهِنْدِ .	6
	كَانَ الطَّيِّبُ مِنَ الْهِنْدِ .	7
	الْمَرْوَحَةُ عَلَى الثَّلَاجَةِ .	8
	كَانَتِ الْمَرْوَحَةُ عَلَى الثَّلَاجَةِ .	9
	إِنَّ الْمَرْوَحَةَ عَلَى الثَّلَاجَةِ .	10
	ذَهَبَ الطَّيِّبُ إِلَى الْهِنْدِ .	11
	ذَهَبَتِ الطَّيِّبَةُ إِلَى الْعِرَاقِ .	12
	ذَهَبَ زَيْدٌ مِنَ الْعِرَاقِ إِلَى الْهِنْدِ .	13
	ذَهَبَ زَيْدٌ وَخَالِدٌ .	14
	جَلَسَتِ الْبِنْتُ وَالْأُخْتُ .	15

Exercise 4

- Translate the following sentences.
- Carefully analyse each part of the sentence.
- These are all verbal sentences.
- Ensure you identify each verb and practice the paradigm of each verb.
- Use the previous vocabulary banks to help you.

English	Arabic	
	خَرَجَ الْإِمَامُ مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ.	1
	خَرَجَ الْوَلَدُ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى السُّوقِ.	2
	سَطَرَتِ الطَّالِبَةُ عَلَى الْجِدَارِ.	3
	نَفَخَتِ الْأُخْتُ فِي النَّارِ.	4
	سَجَدُوا فِي الْمَسْجِدِ.	5
	أَكَلْنَا فِي الْمَطْعَمِ.	6
	جَلَسَ فِي السِّيَّارَةِ.	7
	ذَهَبْتُ إِلَى الْمُدِيرِ.	8
	مَا ذَهَبْتُ إِلَى النَّهْرِ.	9
	يَنْفُخُ فِي الصُّورِ.	10
	تَنْفُخُ فِي النَّارِ.	11
	يَسْجُدُ فِي الْبَيْتِ.	12
	تَسْجُدُ فِي الْمَدْرَسَةِ.	13
	أَسْجُدُ فِي الْعُرْفَةِ.	14
	خَرَجْنَا مِنَ السُّوقِ وَذَهَبْنَا إِلَى الْمَطَارِ.	15

Numbers

Memorise the following:

حالة الرفع	حالة النصب والجرّ	
عِشْرُونَ	عِشْرِينَ	20
ثَلَاثُونَ	ثَلَاثِينَ	30
أَرْبَعُونَ	أَرْبَعِينَ	40
خَمْسُونَ	خَمْسِينَ	50
سِتُّونَ	سِتِّينَ	60
سَبْعُونَ	سَبْعِينَ	70
ثَمَانُونَ	ثَمَانِينَ	80
تِسْعُونَ	تِسْعِينَ	90

Tens are used as a Sound Masculine Plural.

Vocabulary Bank 1

1	عَنْب	Grape
2	تَيْن	Fig
3	بَقَال	Grocer
4	خُبْز	Bread
5	مَجَلَّة	Magazine
6	سِن	Tooth
7	مُلَوَّن	Coloured
8	نَظَّارَة	Spectacles
9	جَرَس	Bell
10	فَأْر	Mouse
11	عُرَاب	Crow
12	حَبَّه	Snake / Serpent
13	حَجْر	Stone
14	دُكَّان	Shop
15	شَاي	Tea
16	قَهْوَة	Coffee
17	مَكْنَسَة	Broom
18	صَابُون	Soap
19	حَافِلَة	Bus
20	فَصْل	Classroom
21	دَوَاء	Medicine
22	مُفِيد	Beneficial

Vocabulary Bank 2

1	كَلْب	Dog
2	قِطَّ / هِرَّة	Cat
3	جَمَل	Camel
4	بَقْرَة	Cow
5	سَمَك	Fish
6	حَدَّاد	Blacksmith
7	خَيَّاط	Tailor
8	جَزَّار	Butcher
9	عِلْم	Knowledge
10	مَاء	Water
11	هَدِيَّة	Present
12	نُور	Light
13	مَائِدَة	Table
14	سِكِّين	Knife
15	أَسَد	Lion
16	لَيْل	Night
17	نَهَار	Day
18	بَاكِسْتَان	Pakistan
19	بِرِيْطَانِيَا	Britain
20	أَمْرِيْكََا	America
21	غَائِب	Absent
22	مَمْلُوء	Full
22	ثَمِيْن	Expensive
23	سَمِيْن	Fat

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