

LESSON 22

We have learnt several groups of nouns and adjectives which do not have tanwîn. Most nouns and adjectives have tanwîn. Tanwîn is omitted in the following cases:

- When the noun or adjective has ال e.g. كِتَابٌ : الْكِتَابُ
- When it is mudâf, e.g. كِتَابٌ : كِتَابُ بِلَالٍ
- When it is preceded by يَا e.g. أُسْتَاذٌ : يَا أُسْتَاذُ

But there are certain nouns and adjectives which never have tanwîn. They are called *diptotes* (in Arabic الْمَمْنُوعُ مِنَ الصَّرْفِ).

We have learnt in this book the following groups of nouns and adjectives which are diptotes:

- Feminine proper nouns e.g. زَيْنَبُ ، آمِنَةُ
- Masculine proper nouns ending in “ta marbûtah” (ة) e.g. حَمْرَةٌ ، أُسَامَةُ
- Masculine proper nouns ending in «-ân» e.g. عُثْمَانُ ، رَمَضَانُ
- Adjectives on the pattern of فَعْلَانُ e.g. كَسْلَانُ ، مَلَانُ
- Masculine proper nouns on the pattern of أَفْعَلُ e.g. أَحْمَدُ ، أَنُورُ
- Adjectives on the pattern أَفْعَلُ e.g. أَسْوَدُ ، أَحْمَرُ
- Non-Arabic proper nouns e.g., وَلِيمُ ، لَنْدَنُ ، بَاكِسْتَانُ
- The following patterns of broken plural:
 - أَصْدِقَاءُ ، أَغْنِيَاءُ ، أَقْوِيَاءُ e.g. أَفْعِلَاءُ
 - فُقَرَاءُ ، زُمَلَاءُ ، وَزَرَءُ e.g. فُعَلَاءُ
 - مَسَاجِدُ ، فَنَادِقُ ، مَكَاتِبُ e.g. مَفَاعِلُ
 - مَنَادِيلُ ، مَفَاتِيحُ ، فَنَاجِيْنُ e.g. مَفَاعِيلُ

Note that أَطِبَّاءُ is originally أَطِبَاءُ on the pattern of أَفْعِلَاءُ, but because of the assimilation of the two “b”s, the form has been slightly changed.

Exercises

Ex.1: Read and write the following words keeping in mind the rule concerning the diptote. (A diptote has no tanwîn, but has only one dammah, whereas other nouns and adjectives have two dammahs.)

Vocabulary

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| أَحْمَرُ | red | بَغْدَادُ | Baghdad |
| أَزْرَقُ | blue | جَدَّةُ | Jeddah |
| أَخْضَرُ | green | فَنَاجِيْنُ | tea-cup, pl |
| أَسْوَدُ | black | دَقِيقَةٌ | minute, pl دَقَائِقُ |
| أَصْفَرُ | yellow | مَنَادِيلُ | pl of مَنْدِيلُ kerchief |
| أَبْيَضُ | white | مَفَاتِيحُ | pl of مِفْتَاحُ key |
| قَالَ | he said | قَالَتْ | she said |