Arabic B1, lesson 7: forms VII and VIII (اِنْفَعَلَ and اِفْتَعَلَ)

اِنْطَلَقَ it set off	اِجْتَمَعَ he gathered	اِنْتَظَرَ he waited
اِخْتارَ he chose	اِنْفَتَحَ it opened	اِنْكَسَرَ it broke
اِبْتَسَمَ he smiled	قِطار train	رُكّاب passengers

نافِذَة

window

اِنْطَلَقَ القِطارُ في الصَّباحِ وَاجْتَمَعَ الرُّكّابُ في العَرَبَةِ.

اِنْتَظَرَتْ سَلْمى صَديقَتَها طَويلًا، ثُمَّ اِخْتارَتْ مَقْعَدًا قُرْبَ النّافِذَةِ.

اِنْفَتَحَ البابُ فَابْتَسَمَتْ سَلْمى، فَقَدْ وَصَلَتْ صَديقَتُها.

▶ **Show the translation**

Form VII: اِنْفَعَلَ = prefix اِنْـ + the three radicals. It is almost always a **passive-reflexive** sense of a simple verb: كَسَرَ (to break) → اِنْكَسَرَ (to break, get broken); فَتَحَ → اِنْفَتَحَ (to open by itself). Present: يَنْفَعِلُ (يَنْكَسِرُ); verbal noun: اِنْفِعال (اِنْكِسار, اِنْطِلاق); participle: مُنْفَعِل.

Form VIII: اِفْتَعَلَ = a **ت is inserted after the 1st radical**: جَمَعَ → اِجْتَمَعَ (to gather). Often reflexive or "choosing for oneself": اِخْتارَ, اِنْتَظَرَ, اِبْتَسَمَ. Present: يَفْتَعِلُ (يَجْتَمِعُ); verbal noun: اِفْتِعال (اِجْتِماع, اِنْتِظار); participle: مُفْتَعِل.

Small rule: if the 1st radical is ز, د or ذ, the ت becomes د (اِزْدَحَمَ, to be crowded, from ز ح م). The initial alif is a joining hamza: it is not pronounced in mid-sentence and it is lost in the present.

Forms VII and VIII

Root	past	present	verbal noun	active part.
ك س ر (VII)	اِنْكَسَرَ	يَنْكَسِرُ	اِنْكِسار	مُنْكَسِر
ف ت ح (VII)	اِنْفَتَحَ	يَنْفَتِحُ	اِنْفِتاح	مُنْفَتِح
ط ل ق (VII)	اِنْطَلَقَ	يَنْطَلِقُ	اِنْطِلاق	مُنْطَلِق
ج م ع (VIII)	اِجْتَمَعَ	يَجْتَمِعُ	اِجْتِماع	مُجْتَمِع
ن ظ ر (VIII)	اِنْتَظَرَ	يَنْتَظِرُ	اِنْتِظار	مُنْتَظِر
خ ي ر (VIII)	اِخْتارَ	يَخْتارُ	اِخْتِيار	مُخْتار

Put the words in order.

The train set off in the morning.

في الصَّباحِ القِطارُ اِنْطَلَقَ

The friends gathered in the garden.

في الحَديقَةِ اِجْتَمَعَ الأَصْدِقاءُ

Sara chose a seat.

اِخْتارَتْ مَقْعَدًا سارَةُ

Check Start again

Write a three-sentence paragraph about a train journey using اِنْطَلَقَ, اِنْتَظَرَ and اِخْتارَ.

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