Arabic B1, lesson 9: the verbal noun of the simple verb

كِتَابَة writing	قِرَاءَة reading	نَجَاح success
فَهْم understanding	سَمَاع hearing	دُخول entering
يَوْمِيّ daily	عادَة habit	عَمَل work, action

ذَهاب

going

بَدَأَ العامُ الدِّراسِيُّ بِنَجاحٍ كَبيرٍ.

قِراءَةُ الكُتُبِ وَكِتابَةُ الدُّروسِ عادَةٌ يَوْمِيَّةٌ.

عِنْدَ الدُّخولِ إِلى الصَّفِّ يَبْدَأُ السَّماعُ ثُمَّ الفَهْمُ.

وَالعَمَلُ المُنْتَظَمُ يَقودُ إِلى التَّقَدُّمِ.

▶ **Show the translation**

The **masdar** (مَصْدَر) is the noun of the action: “to write” → “writing”. It is a real noun: it takes the article and cases, and can be in an idafa (قِراءَةُ الكُتُبِ, the reading of books).

For derived forms it is regular (see lessons 3 to 8). For the **simple verb (form I)** there are many patterns and you must learn them with the verb. The most frequent:

- فَعْل: ضَرْب, فَهْم

- فُعول: دُخول, خُروج, جُلوس
- فِعالَة: كِتابَة, قِراءَة, تِجارَة
- فَعال: ذَهاب, نَجاح, سَماع
- فَعَل: عَمَل, سَفَر

One verb can have several masdars of close meaning. In the dictionary they sit next to the verb: learn them together.

Simple verbs and masdars

Verb	Verbal noun	Pattern
كَتَبَ	كِتابَة	فِعالَة
قَرَأَ	قِراءَة	فِعالَة
دَخَلَ	دُخول	فُعول
خَرَجَ	خُروج	فُعول
ذَهَبَ	ذَهاب	فَعال
نَجَحَ	نَجاح	فَعال
فَهِمَ	فَهْم	فَعْل
عَمِلَ	عَمَل	فَعَل

Match each verb with its masdar.

دَخَلَ	خُروج
قَرَأَ	فَهْم
ذَهَبَ	نَجاح
نَجَحَ	دُخول
فَهِمَ	ذَهاب
خَرَجَ	قِراءَة

Check Start again

Write four sentences about your study habits, with the masdars قِراءَة, كِتابَة, سَماع and فَهْم.

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