Arabic B2, lesson 12: hamzated and doubled verbs

أَخَذَ to take	أَكَلَ to eat	سَأَلَ to ask
بَدَأَ to begin	قَرَأَ to read	مَدَّ to stretch out
رَدَّ to reply, return	ظَنَّ to think	يَد hand

لُطْف

kindness

أَخَذْتُ كِتَابِي وَسَأَلْتُ أَخِي: هَلْ أَكَلْتَ؟

قَالَ: أَكَلْتُ وَبَدَأْتُ الدَّرْسَ.

ثُمَّ مَدَّ يَدَهُ وَأَخَذَ القَلَمَ.

وَرَدَّ عَلَى أُمِّي بِلُطْفٍ.

▶ **Show the translation**

Hamzated verbs (مَهْموز): one radical is the hamza (بَدَأَ, قَرَأَ, سَأَلَ, أَكَلَ, أَخَذَ). They conjugate almost like sound verbs, with two peculiarities:

- the **imperative** of أَخَذَ and أَكَلَ is irregular: **خُذْ**, **كُلْ** (and مُرْ from أَمَرَ); the others are regular: اِقْرَأْ, اِسْأَلْ.
- the **spelling of the hamza** changes with neighbouring vowels: يَقْرَأُ, يَقْرَؤُونَ, سُئِلَ, مَسْؤول.

Doubled verbs (مُضَعَّف): the 2nd and 3rd radicals are identical (حَبَّ, ظَنَّ, رَدَّ, مَدَّ).

- Before a **vowelled** ending (هُوَ, هِيَ, هُمْ) the two letters merge with a shadda: مَدَّ, مَدَّتْ, مَدّوا.
- Before a **silent** ending (أَنا, أَنْتَ, نَحْنُ…) they split: مَدَدْتُ, مَدَدْنا.
- Present: يَمُدُّ, يَرُدُّ. Jussive: لَمْ يَمُدَّ (or لَمْ يَمْدُدْ). Imperative: مُدَّ (or اُمْدُدْ).

Hamzated verbs

Past	Present	Imperative
أَخَذَ	يَأْخُذُ	خُذْ
أَكَلَ	يَأْكُلُ	كُلْ
سَأَلَ	يَسْأَلُ	اِسْأَلْ
قَرَأَ	يَقْرَأُ	اِقْرَأْ

Doubled verb مَدَّ

he	I	present	jussive	imperative
مَدَّ	مَدَدْتُ	يَمُدُّ	لَمْ يَمُدَّ	مُدَّ
رَدَّ	رَدَدْتُ	يَرُدُّ	لَمْ يَرُدَّ	رُدَّ

Write the imperative (you, m.) of each verb.

أَخَذَ	…choose
أَكَلَ	…choose
قَرَأَ	…choose
سَأَلَ	…choose
أَمَرَ	…choose

Check | Start again

Write a short dialogue at the table with خُذْ, كُلْ, اِسْأَلْ and a doubled verb.

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