Arabic B2, lesson 14: discourse connectors

لِذَلِكَ therefore	لِأَنَّ because	حَتّى until, even
مُتْعَب tired	مَعَ أَنَّ although	بَعْدَما after
تَناوَلَ he had (a meal)	اِسْتَيْقَظَ he woke up	فَوْرًا immediately

مُتَأَخِّر

late

اِنْتَظَرْتُ حَتّى وَصَلَ القِطارُ.

كُنْتُ مُتْعَبًا لِأَنَّ الرِّحْلَةَ طَويلَةٌ، لِذَلِكَ نِمْتُ فَوْرًا.

وَبَعْدَما اِسْتَيْقَظْتُ تَناوَلْتُ الفُطورَ، مَعَ أَنَّ الوَقْتَ كانَ مُتَأَخِّرًا.

▶ **Show the translation**

Connectors build a text. Remember their **effect on the next verb or noun**:

- وَ (and), فَ (and at once, so), ثُمَّ (then, after a delay): same case as the word linked.
- بَلْ / لَكِنْ (but / but rather); أَوْ (or); أَمْ (or, in a choice question).
- حَتّى (until) + **subjunctive** verb for a future aim: اِنْتَظَرْتُ حَتّى يَصِلَ.
- لِأَنَّ (because) + accusative noun: لِأَنَّ الرِّحْلَةَ طَويلَةٌ; لِذَلِكَ (that is why) introduces the consequence.
- قَبْلَ أَنْ, بَعْدَ أَنْ + subjunctive; عِنْدَما, بَعْدَما + past verb.

- عَلَى الرَّغْمِ مِنْ أَنَّ, مَعَ أَنَّ (although) + accusative noun.

A good text alternates: fact → cause (لِأَنَّ) → consequence (لِذَلِكَ) → contrast (مَعَ أَنَّ, لَكِنَّ).

Useful connectors

Word	Meaning	Followed by
حَتّى	until	subjunctive
لِأَنَّ	because	accusative noun
لِذَلِكَ	therefore	a sentence
قَبْلَ أَنْ	before	subjunctive
بَعْدَما	after	past verb
مَعَ أَنَّ	although	accusative noun

Match each connector with its meaning.

حَتّى

لِأَنَّ

until

although

therefore

لِذَلِكَ	then
مَعَ أَنَّ	because
ثُمَّ	

Check Start again

Write a five-sentence short narrative with حَتّى, لِأَنَّ, لِذَلِكَ, بَعْدَما and مَعَ أَنَّ.

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