Arabic B2, lesson 15: admiration, praise and blame

رَبيع spring	نَسيم breeze	سَماء sky
أَصْفى clearer	فَصْل season	مَشْي walking
خُلُق character, manner	كَسَل laziness	لَطيف gentle, pleasant

نَظافَة

cleanliness

ما أَجْمَلَ الرَّبيعَ في بَلَدِنا!

ما أَلْطَفَ نَسيمَهُ وَما أَصْفى سَماءَهُ!

نِعْمَ الفَصْلُ هُوَ لِلْمَشْيِ في الحَدائِقِ.

وَبِئْسَ الخُلُقُ الكَسَلُ.

▶ **Show the translation**

Admiration (التَّعَجُّب) is expressed with **ما أَفْعَلَ** + **accusative** noun: ما أَجْمَلَ الرَّبيعَ! (How beautiful spring is!). Here أَفْعَلَ is a verb, with fatha. It is built on أَجْمَل, أَلْطَف, أَصْفى, أَحْسَن… Variant: **أَفْعِلْ بِـ**: أَجْمِلْ بِالرَّبيع!

Praise with **نِعْمَ**: نِعْمَ + definite noun (nominative) + the thing praised: نِعْمَ الصَّديقُ الكِتابُ (the book is a good friend). Also حَبَّذا (how lovely: حَبَّذا العِلْمُ).

Blame with بِئْسَ: same structure: بِئْسَ الخُلُقُ الكَسَلُ (laziness is a bad trait).

These verbs are frozen: they do not conjugate. The noun after بِئْسَ/نِعْمَ takes the article; the second noun (the subject of the praise) is nominative.

Three constructions

Meaning	Structure	Example
admiration	ما + أَفْعَلَ + منصوب	ما أَجْمَلَ الرَّبيعَ
praise	نِعْمَ + ال + مرفوع	نِعْمَ الفَصْلُ الرَّبيعُ
blame	بِئْسَ + ال + مرفوع	بِئْسَ الخُلُقُ الكَسَلُ

Put the words in order.

How beautiful spring is in our country!

أَجْمَلَ | في | بَلَدِنا | الرَّبيعَ | ما

What a fine season for walking.

هُوَ نِعْمَ الفَضْلُ لِلْمَشْيِ

Laziness is a bad trait.

الكَسَلُ بِئْسَ الخُلُقُ

Check Start again

Write four exclamations: two with مَا أَفْعَلَ, one with نِعْمَ, one with بِئْسَ, about your favourite season.

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