Arabic B2, lesson 9: the state complement and the specification

ضاحِك laughing	جالِس sitting	اِمْتَلَأَ it filled up
أَزْهار flowers	سِنّ age, tooth	حال state, condition
تَمْييز specification	كَأْس glass	ماء water

قَلْب

heart

دَخَلَ الطِّفْلُ البَيْتَ ضاحِكًا.

رَأَيْتُ أُمّي جالِسَةً تَقْرَأُ.

اِمْتَلَأَتِ الحَديقَةُ أَزْهارًا.

وَأَخي أَكْبَرُ مِنّي سِنًّا.

▶ **Show the translation**

The حال (state complement) says **in what state** the subject or object is **at the time of the action**: دَخَلَ الطِّفْلُ ضاحِكًا (he came in laughing). It answers “how?”. Rules: it is **indefinite** and **accusative** (ـًا), and agrees with the word described: رَأَيْتُ أُمّي جالِسَةً. It can also be a **clause**: جاءَ وَهُوَ يَبْكي (introduced by و + pronoun).

The تَمْيِيز (specification) **clarifies a vague word** (a quantity, a measure, a degree adjective). It is also **indefinite, singular and accusative**: عِشْرونَ **سِنًّا** أَخي أَكْبَرُ مِنّي; اِمْتَلَأَتِ الحَديقَةُ **أَزْهارًا**; اِشْتَرَيْتُ كِتابًا **كِتابًا**. It answers “in what respect? / of what?”.

To tell them apart: the حال describes **a person or thing in action** (often a participle), the تَمْيِيز clarifies **a notion** (often a noun).

The حال and the تَمْيِيز

Type	Question	Example
state complement	كَيْفَ	دَخَلَ الطِّفْلُ ضاحِكًا
state clause	كَيْفَ	جاءَ وَهُوَ يَبْكي
specification	in what respect?	اِمْتَلَأَتِ الحَديقَةُ أَزْهارًا
specification	in what respect?	أَكْبَرُ مِنّي سِنًّا

Put the words in order.

The child came in laughing.

الطِّفْلُ ضاحِكًا دَخَلَ البَيْتَ

The garden filled with flowers.

الحَدِيقَةُ أَزْهارًا اِمْتَلَأَتِ

My brother is older than me.

أَخي سِنًّا مِنّي أَكْبَرُ

Check Start again

Write four sentences: two with a حال (a participle) and two with a تَمْييز.

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