Exercise answer key : Three-letter roots

Quranic grammar

Detailed answer key for the exercises on "Three-letter roots" (Quranic grammar), with step-by-step explanations.

Content under review.

Exercise 1

Write the root (the three base letters) of each word.

1. كِتَاب
   → ك ت ب
2. كَاتِب
   → ك ت ب
3. مَكْتُوب
   → ك ت ب
4. عَلِيم
   → ع ل م
5. عَالِم
   → ع ل م
6. رَحِيم
   → ر ح م

Exercise 2

Build the word on the requested pattern (فَاعِل: the doer; مَفْعُول: what undergoes the action).

1. ك ت ب + فَاعِل
   → كَاتِب
2. ع ل م + فَاعِل
   → عَالِم
3. د ر س + فَاعِل
   → دَارِس
4. ك ت ب + مَفْعُول

→ مَكْتُوب

5. ف ت ح + مَفْعُول
   → مَفْتُوح
6. ع ل م + مَفْعُول
   → مَعْلُوم

Exercise 3

What is the pattern of this word? Write فَاعِل, مَفْعُول or فَعِيل.

1. كَاتِب
   → فَاعِل
2. مَكْتُوب
   → مَفْعُول
3. عَلِيم
   → فَعِيل
4. رَحِيم
   → فَعِيل
5. طَالِب
   → فَاعِل
6. مَفْتُوح
   → مَفْعُول

Exercise 4

What is the general meaning of the root?

1. ك ت ب
   → to write
2. د ر س
   → to study
3. ف ت ح
   → to open
4. ج ل س
   → to sit
5. ح م ل

→ **to carry**

6. خ ر ج
   → **to go out**

Exercise 5

Find the odd one out: the word that is not from the same root.

1. كِتَاب ـ كَاتِب ـ مَكْتَب ـ قَلَم
   → **قَلَم**
2. عِلْم ـ عَالِم ـ مَعْلُوم ـ جَمَل
   → **جَمَل**
3. دَرْس ـ مَدْرَسَة ـ دَارِس ـ بَاب
   → **بَاب**
4. فَتْح ـ مَفْتُوح ـ فَاتِح ـ شَمْس
   → **شَمْس**

Exercise 6

Remove the article, prefixes and suffixes, then write the root.

1. الْكَاتِب
   → **ك ت ب**
2. بِالْقَلَم
   → **ق ل م**
3. وَالدَّرْس
   → **د ر س**
4. لِلْعَالِم
   → **ع ل م**
5. فَالْمَكْتَب
   → **ك ت ب**
6. وَالْحَمْد
   → **ح م د**

Exercise 7

These verbs have a weak letter (و ي ا) in the root. Write the three root letters.

1. قَالَ

   → ق و ل

2. كَانَ

   → ك و ن

3. بَاعَ

   → ب ي ع

4. نَامَ

   → ن و م

5. عَادَ

   → ع و د

6. سَارَ

   → س ي ر

Exercise 8

Build the adjective on the pattern فَعِيل from the root.

1. ك ب ر

   → كَبِير

2. ج م ل

   → جَمِيل

3. ص غ ر

   → صَغِير

4. ق ر ب

   → قَرِيب

5. ب ع د

   → بَعِيد

6. ك ر م

   → كَرِيم

Exercise 9

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. book

→ كِتَابٌ

2. writer
   → كَاتِبٌ
3. office
   → مَكْتَبٌ
4. written
   → مَكْتُوبٌ
5. he wrote
   → كَتَبَ
6. library
   → مَكْتَبَةٌ

Exercise 10

How many letters were added to the root? (Do not count short vowels.)

1. كِتَاب
   1 →
2. كَاتِب
   1 →
3. مَكْتُوب
   2 →
4. مَكْتَب
   1 →
5. مَكْتَبَة
   2 →

Exercise 11

Put the root into the pattern فَاعِل (the doer).

1. ف ت ح
   → فَاتِح
2. ج ل س
   → جَالِس
3. خ ر ج
   → خَارِج
4. ح م ل

→ **حَامِل**

5. س ك ن
   → **سَاكِن**
6. ش ر ب
   → **شَارِب**

Exercise 12

Put the root into the pattern مَفْعُول (what undergoes the action).

1. ف ت ح
   → **مَفْتُوح**
2. ح ف ظ
   → **مَحْفُوظ**
3. ش ر ب
   → **مَشْرُوب**
4. ف ه م
   → **مَفْهُوم**
5. ك س ر
   → **مَكْسُور**

Exercise 13

True or false?

1. Almost all Arabic words have a three-letter root.
   → **True**
2. The letters ف ع ل stand for the three root letters in a pattern.
   → **True**
3. A word's root changes when the article ال is added.
   → **False**
4. كَاتِب and كِتَاب have the same root.
   → **True**
5. A weak root letter can never disappear.
   → **False**

In قَالَ, the و of the root ق و ل no longer appears.

Exercise 14

In these Quranic words, write the root of the word.

1. ٱلْكِتَٰبَ
   → ك ت ب
2. عَلِيمٍ
   → ع ل م
3. رَّحِيمٍ
   → ر ح م
4. كَتَبَ
   → ك ت ب

The extracts come from the site's Quran text; only the grammar point is studied here.

Exercise 15

For each Quranic word, write the root then the pattern.

1. عَلِيمٍ
   → ع ل م — فَعِيلٌ
2. رَّحِيمٍ
   → ر ح م — فَعِيلٌ
3. غَفُورٍ
   → غ ف ر — فَعُولٌ

Exercise 16

Put the roots in alphabetical order (as in a dictionary).

1. ك ت ب / ع ل م / د ر س
   → د ر س / ع ل م / ك ت ب
2. ف ت ح / ج ل س / ح م ل
   → ج ل س / ح م ل / ف ت ح
3. ق ر ب / ب ع د / خ ر ج
   → ب ع د / خ ر ج / ق ر ب
4. ن ظ ر / س م ع / ر ح م
   → ر ح م / س م ع / ن ظ ر

Exercise 17

Copy from the sentence the words from the root ك ت ب (write “none” if there are none).

1. كَتَبَ الْكَاتِبُ كِتَابًا
   → كَتَبَ ، الْكَاتِبُ ، كِتَابًا
2. فِي الْمَكْتَبِ كُتُبٌ كَثِيرَةٌ
   → الْمَكْتَبِ ، كُتُبٌ
3. الْوَلَدُ يَقْرَأُ
   → none
4. الْمَكْتُوبُ عَلَى الْبَابِ
   → الْمَكْتُوبُ

Exercise 18

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. scholar
   → عَالِمٌ
2. he taught
   → عَلَّمَ
3. knowledge
   → عِلْمٌ
4. world
   → عَالَمٌ
5. all-knowing
   → عَلِيمٌ
6. known
   → مَعْلُومٌ

Exercise 19

Which prefix is attached to the word? Copy it.

1. وَكِتَاب
   → وَ
2. فَكَتَبَ
   → فَ
3. بِكِتَاب
   → بِ

4. لِكَاتِب

   → لِ

Exercise 20

Complete the family of the root د ر س with the missing word.

1. دَرْسٌ ـ مَدْرَسَةٌ ـ ؟ (فَاعِل)

   → دَارِسٌ

2. دَرَسَ ـ مَدْرُوسٌ ـ ؟ (فَاعِل)

   → دَارِسٌ

Exercise 21

Writing: choose the root ب ت ك or م ل ع and write four words from its family.

1. Four words

   → كِتَابٌ ، كَاتِبٌ ، مَكْتُوبٌ ، مَكْتَبٌ

Free answer.