Exercises : Three-letter roots

Quranic grammar

Printable worksheet of progressive exercises on "Three-letter roots" (Quranic grammar), with a separate answer key on coran-alim.com.

Content under review.

The exercises go from easiest to hardest. Answers on coran-alim.com.

Exercise 1

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

1. كِتَاب

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2. كَاتِب

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3. مَكْتُوب

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4. عَلِيم

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5. عَالِم

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6. رَحِيم

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Exercise 2

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

1. ك ت ب + فَاعِل

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2. ع ل م + فَاعِل

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3. د ر س + فَاعِل

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4. ك ت ب + مَفْعُول

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5. ف ت ح + مَفْعُول

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6. ع ل م + مَفْعُول

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Exercise 3

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

1. كَاتِب

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2. مَكْتُوب

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3. عَلِيم

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4. رَحِيم

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5. طَالِب

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6. مَفْتُوح

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Exercise 4

What is the general meaning of the root?

1. ك ت ب

.....

2. د ر س

.....

3. ف ت ح

.....

4. ج ل س

.....

5. ح م ل

.....

6. خ ر ج

.....

Exercise 5

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

1. كِتَاب ـ كَاتِب ـ مَكْتَب ـ قَلَم

2. عِلْم ـ عَالِم ـ مَعْلُوم ـ جَمَل

3. دَرْس ـ مَدْرَسَة ـ دَارِس ـ بَاب

4. فَتْح ـ مَفْتُوح ـ فَاتِح ـ شَمْس

Exercise 6

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

1. الْكَاتِب

2. بِالْقَلَم

3. وَالدَّرْس

4. لِلْعَالِم

5. فَالْمَكْتَب

6. وَالْحَمْد

Exercise 7

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

1. قَالَ

2. كَانَ

3. بَاعَ

4. نَامَ

5. عَادَ

6. سَارَ

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Exercise 8

Build the adjective on the pattern فَعِيل from the root.

1. ك ب ر

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2. ج م ل

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3. ص غ ر

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4. ق ر ب

.....

5. ب ع د

.....

6. ك ر م

.....

Exercise 9

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. book

.....

2. writer

.....

3. office

.....

4. written

.....

5. he wrote

.....

6. library

.....

Exercise 10

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

1. كِتَاب

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2. كَاتِب

.....

3. مَكْتُوب

.....

4. مَكْتَب

.....

5. مَكْتَبَة

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Exercise 11

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

1. ف ت ح

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2. ج ل س

.....

3. خ ر ج

.....

4. ح م ل

.....

5. س ك ن

.....

6. ش ر ب

.....

Exercise 12

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

1. ف ت ح

.....

2. ح ف ظ

.....

3. ش ر ب

.....

4. ف ه م

.....

5. ك س ر

.....

Exercise 13

True or false?

1. Almost all Arabic words have a three-letter root.

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2. The letters ف ع ل stand for the three root letters in a pattern.

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3. A word's root changes when the article ال is added.

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4. كَاتِب and كِتَاب have the same root.

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5. A weak root letter can never disappear.

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Exercise 14

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

1. ٱلْكِتَٰبَ

   .....

2. عَلِيمٍ

   .....

3. رَّحِيمٍ

   .....

4. كَتَبَ

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Exercise 15

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

1. عَلِيمٍ

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2. رَّحِيمٍ

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3. غَفُورٍ

   .....

Exercise 16

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

1. ك ت ب / ع ل م / د ر س

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2. ف ت ح / ج ل س / ح م ل

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3. ق ر ب / ب ع د / خ ر ج

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4. ن ظ ر / س م ع / ر ح م

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Exercise 17

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

1. كَتَبَ الْكَاتِبُ كِتَابًا

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2. فِي الْمَكْتَبِ كُتُبٌ كَثِيرَةٌ

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3. الْوَلَدُ يَقْرَأُ

.....

4. الْمَكْتُوبُ عَلَى الْبَابِ

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Exercise 18

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. scholar

.....

2. he taught

.....

3. knowledge

.....

4. world

.....

5. all-knowing

.....

6. known

.....

Exercise 19

Which prefix is attached to the word? Copy it.

1. وَكِتَاب

.....

2. فَكَتَبَ

.....

3. بِكِتَاب

.....

4. لِكَاتِب

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Exercise 20

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

1. دَرْسٌ ـ مَدْرَسَةٌ ـ ؟ (فَاعِل)

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2. دَرَسَ ـ مَدْرُوسٌ ـ ؟ (فَاعِل)

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Exercise 21

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

1. Four words

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