

*adjectives* — *roots*

## Lesson Objectives

\* Understand the root system in Arabic



	Meaning	Words derived from the root ك ت ب	
<b>Verbs</b>	(he) wrote	<i>katab(a)</i>	كَتَبَ
	≈ (he) was/became written	<i>kutib(a)</i>	كُتِبَ
	(he) was/became written	<i>'inkatab(a)</i>	انْكَتَبَ
	(he) made (somebody) write	<i>kattab(a)</i>	كَتَّبَ
	(he) made (somebody) write	<i>'aktab(a)</i>	أَكْتَبَ
	(he) exchanged writing with → (he) corresponded with	<i>kaatab(a)</i>	كَاتَبَ
	(he) exchanged writing → (he) corresponded	<i>takaatab(a)</i>	تَكَاتَبَ
	(he) wrote himself → (he) subscribed	<i>'iktatab(a)</i>	اِكْتَتَبَ
	(he) sought writing	<i>'istaktab(a)</i>	اسْتَكْتَبَ

## Nouns

writing	<i>katb</i>	كُتِبَ
writing → book/dispatch	<i>kitaab</i>	كِتَاب
writing	<i>kitaaba(t)</i>	كِتَابَةٌ
booklet	<i>kutayyib</i>	كُتَيْبٌ
writing (man) → writer	<i>kaatib</i>	كَاتِبٌ
written → letter	<i>maktoob</i>	مَكْتُوبٌ
desk/office	<i>maktab</i>	مَكْتَبٌ
library/bookstore	<i>maktaba(t)</i>	مَكْتَبَةٌ
phalanx	<i>kateeba(t)</i>	كُتَيْبَةٌ

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أَعْمَلُ	أَلْعَبُ	أَدْرُسُ
عَامِلٌ	لَاعِبٌ	مُدْرِسٌ
عُمَّالٌ	مَلْعَبٌ	دِرَاسَةٌ
عَمَلٌ	لُعْبَةٌ	مَدْرَسَةٌ
مَعْمَلٌ	أَلْعَابُ	دَرَسٌ
أَطْبَحُ	أَسَافِرُ	أَكْتُبُ
طَبَّاحٌ	مُسَافِرٌ	كَاتِبٌ
طَبَّحٌ	سَفَرٌ	كِتَابَةٌ
مَطْبَحٌ	سَفَارَةٌ	مَكْتَبَةٌ

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I work	أَعْمَلُ	I play	أَلْعَبُ	I study	أُدْرِسُ
Worker	عَامِلٌ	Player	لَاعِبٌ	Teacher	مُدْرِسٌ
Workers	عُمَّالٌ	Playground playfield	مَلْعَبٌ	Studying	دِرَاسَةٌ
Work	عَمَلٌ	Game/toy	لُعْبَةٌ	School	مَدْرَسَةٌ
Factory	مَعْمَلٌ	Games/toys	أَلْعَابٌ	Lesson	دَرْسٌ
I cook	أَطْبَخُ	I travel	أَسَافِرُ	I write	أَكْتُبُ
Cook	طَبَّاخٌ	Traveller	مُسَافِرٌ	Writer	كَاتِبٌ
Cooking	طَبْخٌ	Travel	سَفَرٌ	Writing	كِتَابَةٌ
Kitchen Cooker	مَطْبَخٌ	Embassy	سَفَارَةٌ	Library	مَكْتَبَةٌ

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عُمَّالٌ	مَلْعَبٌ	تَعْلِيمٌ
عَمَلٌ	لُعْبَةٌ	طَمٌ
مَعْمَلٌ	أَلْعَابٌ	أَتَعَلَّمُ
أَطْبِخُ	أَسَافِرُ	أَعْبُدُ
طَبَّاحٌ	مُسَافِرٌ	عَابِدٌ
طَبَّخٌ	سَفَرٌ	عِبَادَةٌ
مَطْبِخٌ	سَفَارَةٌ	مَعْبُدٌ

Find the odd one out

kaatîb

kitâba

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kutub

kutubî

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maktûb

maktab

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miktâb

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iktitâb

istiktâb

writer

the act of writing

some writing, book

books

bookdealer

booklet

letter

school, office

library, literature

individual office

typewriter

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registration

dictation

Arabic word	Transliteration of Arabic word	Meaning and/or Case
كَتَبَ	/kataba/	He wrote (past) (masculine)
اُكْتُبْ	/uktub/	Write (Order)
يَكْتُبُ	/yaktub/	He writes
كَاتِب	/katib/	Having written and or writer
كِتَاب	/kitab/	A book
كُتُب	/kutub/	Books
كِتَابَةٌ	/kitabah/	Act of writing
مَكْتَب	/maktab/	Office
مَكَاتِب	/makatib/	Offices
مَكْتَبَةٌ	/maktaba/	Library
مَكْتُوب	/maktub/	Written (Masculine)
مَكْتُوبَةٌ	/maktuba/	Written (feminine)
مَكْتُوبِينَ	/maktuben/	Written (plural)



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مُدْرَسٌ	عَامِلٌ	لَاعِبٌ	
دِرَاسَةٌ	عُمَّالٌ	مَلْعَبٌ	
مَدْرَسَةٌ	عَمَلٌ	لُعْبَةٌ	
دَرَسَ	مَعْمَلٌ	أَلْعَابٌ	
أَكْتَبُ	أَطْبِخُ	أَسَافِرُ	
كَاتِبٌ	طَبَّاحٌ	مُسَافِرٌ	
كِتَابَةٌ	طَبِخٌ	سَفَرٌ	
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# THE ROOT SYSTEM IN ARABIC:

1. Find the odd one out
2. What letters the words have in common
3. What do you think they mean
4. Can you identify which are verbs and which are nouns

دِرَاسَة

diraasa

مُدَّرِّسٌ      أَدْرُسُ  
mudarris      adrus

1. **Diraasa** is very important for success
2. My dad works as a **mudarris** in BVGS
3. **Adrus** medicine at Leeds University
4. Today's **dars** with Mr Terry was very boring
5. **Madrasa** BVGS is a girls school

مُسَافِرٌ

musaafir

مَدْرَسَة      دَرَسُ  
madrasa      dars

## Answers

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Verbs	Nouns