Grammar Lesson-2a: Weak Verb: كَانَ

كَانَ is similar to قَالَ, as the weak letter comes in the middle. Its forms follows the قَالَ pattern.

(The boxes show the 3 verb keys and the 3 noun keys)   He was   كَانَ:

فعل أمر، فعل نهى، اسم فاعل، اسم مفعول، Name of action،		فعل مضارع		فعل ماضٍ	
Be!	كُنْ	He is	يَكُوْنُ	He was	كَانَ
Be! (you all)	كُوْنُوْا	They are	يَكُوْنُوْنَ	They were	كَانُوْا
Don't be!	لَا تَكُنْ	You are	تَكُوْنُ	You were	كُنْتَ
Don't be! (you all)	لَا تَكُوْنُوْا	I am	أَكُوْنُ	I was	كُنْتُ
The one who becomes	كَائِن	You all are	تَكُوْنُوْنَ	You all were	كُنْتُمْ
–	–	We are	نَكُوْنُ	We were	كُنَّا
To be	كَوْن	She is	تَكُوْنُ	She was	كَانَتْ

Important Note: كَانَ is also used to show the work which was being done in the past along with another verb in Madhi form. Here is the examples given for that.

Examples			فعل مضارع				فعل ماضٍ	
He was working	كَانَ يَعْمَلُ		He is working	يَعْمَلُ		He was	كَانَ	
They were working	كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ		They are working	يَعْمَلُوْنَ		They were	كَانُوْا	
You were working	كُنْتَ تَعْمَلُ	=	You are working	تَعْمَلُ	+	You were	كُنْتَ	
I was working	كُنْتُ أَعْمَلُ		I am working	أَعْمَلُ		I was	كُنْتُ	
You all were working	كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُوْنَ		You all are working	تَعْمَلُوْنَ		You all were	كُنْتُمْ	
We were working	كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ		We are working	نَعْمَلُ		We were	كُنَّا	
She was working	كَانَتْ تَعْمَلُ		She is working	تَعْمَلُ		She was	كَانَتْ	

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نَعَمْ، كَانَ يَعْمَلُ.	هَلْ كَانَ يَعْمَلُ؟
نَعَمْ، كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ.	هَلْ كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ؟
نَعَمْ، كُنْتُ أَعْمَلُ.	هَلْ كُنْتَ تَعْمَلُ؟
نَعَمْ، كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ.	هَلْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُوْنَ؟

After the class try to have dialogues among yourselves using:

• **فعل ماضي:**   هَلْ كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ خَيْرًا؟   نَعَمْ، كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ خَيْرًا.

• **فعل أمر:**   كُنْ صَادِقًا!   سَوْفَ أَكُوْنُ صَادِقًا.

Just like كَانَ, you can make the complete table for ذَاقَ (he tested). You can find other verbs too on this style.