

Grammar Lesson-2c: Weak Verb: دَعَا

Let us take the weak verb دَعَا which has a weak letter in the end.

- **ماضي key:** دَعَا. The plural will be دَعَوْا instead of دَعَاوُ. Weak letter (Alif) is gone to relax so you too take it easy by saying دَعَوْا, instead of دَعَاوُ. Rest of the forms can be made in a similar way, i.e., عُو → ساو .
- **مضارع key:** يَدْعُو. Alif is replaced by Waw for ease! i.e. يَدْعُو instead of يَدَعَا, You can make the rest of مضارع forms easily!
- **أمر key:** اُدْعُ. You can make this from مضارع form, يَدْعُو. Drop the first letter (ي) and make the last one Sakin. Waw disappeared; too weak to take an order. You get دُعُ. Arabic words don't start with a Sakin, so we add Hamzah in the beginning: اُدْعُ. You can now make the other forms!
- **عَنْتُ → سَأْتُ**: هُوَ دَعَا - هِيَ دَعَتْ. i.e., Instead of دَعَاتُ, we say دَعَتْ to make it easy.

(The boxes show the 3 verb keys and the 3 noun keys)

He called upon

دَعَا:

فعل أمر فعل نهى, اسم فاعل, اسم مفعول, Name of action		فعل مضارع	فعل ماضٍ
Call upon!	اُدْعُ	He calls upon/ will call upon	He called upon
Call upon! (you all)	اُدْعُوا	They call upon/ will call upon	They called upon
Don't call upon!	لَا تَدْعُ	You call upon/ will call upon	You called upon
Don't call upon!	لَا تَدْعُوا	I call upon/ will call upon,	I called upon
The caller	دَاعٍ	You all call upon/ will call upon	You all called upon
The one called upon,	مَدْعُوٌّ	We call upon/ will call upon,	We called upon
To call upon	دُعَاءٌ	She calls upon/ will call upon	She called upon

Spoken Arabic

- هَلْ دَعَا اللهُ؟ نَعَمْ، دَعَا اللهُ.
 هَلْ دَعُوا اللهُ؟ نَعَمْ، دَعُوا اللهُ.
 هَلْ دَعَوْتُ اللهُ؟ نَعَمْ، دَعَوْتُ اللهُ.
 هَلْ دَعَوْتُمْ اللهُ؟ نَعَمْ، دَعَوْنَا اللهُ.

After the class try to have dialogues among yourselves using:

- فعل مضارع: هَلْ تَدْعُونَ اللهُ؟ نَعَمْ، نَدْعُو اللهُ.
- فعل أمر: اُدْعُ رَبِّكَ! سَوْفَ اَدْعُو رَبِّي.
- اسم فاعل/اسم مفعول: هَلْ أَنْتُمْ دَاعُونَ؟ نَعَمْ، نَحْنُ دَاعُونَ.

Just like دَعَا, you can make the complete table for تَلَا (he recited). You can find other verbs too on this style.