

## Grammar Lesson-13d: مَضَارِعُ+لَمْ with 3-Letter Verbs

In this lesson, we will learn the changes in فِعْلٍ مَضَارِعٍ.

We know that:

Don't do!	لَا تَفْعَلْ		you do	تَفْعَلْ
Don't do! (you all)	لَا تَفْعَلُوا		you all do	تَفْعَلُونَ

لَا (Don't!) is a “scissor word” that prunes the endings of its neighbor. The scissor is shown above لَا.

It prunes the Dhammah (ة) of يَفْعَلْ making it Sukoon (ء). It prunes the ن of يَفْعَلُونَ in the second case, a plural word.

Please note that we are using the term “scissor” for ease in learning.

We will study these rules one by one. Let us take the word لَمْ (did not) first.


### Spoken Arabic

لَمْ يَفْعَلْ	أَلَمْ يَفْعَلْ؟
لَمْ يَفْعَلُوا	أَلَمْ يَفْعَلُوا؟
لَمْ أَفْعَلْ	أَلَمْ تَفْعَلْ؟
لَمْ نَفْعَلْ	أَلَمْ تَفْعَلُوا؟

### Example from the Qur'an:

فَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا

But if you do not - and you will never be able to

مَضَارِعُ + 	
He did not do	لَمْ يَفْعَلْ = لَمْ يَفْعَلْ
They did not do	لَمْ يَفْعَلُوا = لَمْ يَفْعَلُونَ
You did not do	لَمْ تَفْعَلْ = لَمْ تَفْعَلْ
I did not do	لَمْ أَفْعَلْ = لَمْ أَفْعَلْ
You (all) did not do	لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا = لَمْ تَفْعَلُونَ
We did not do	لَمْ نَفْعَلْ = لَمْ نَفْعَلْ
She did not do	لَمْ تَفْعَلْ = لَمْ تَفْعَلْ

Now, let us take 3-letter sound verbs فَتَحَ and نَصَرَ:

Spoken Arabic (Assume that we are talking about helping a bad person in committing a wrong act)	مَضَارِعُ + 	Spoken Arabic (Assume that we are talking about opening a door)	مَضَارِعُ + 
لَمْ يَنْصُرْ	أَلَمْ يَنْصُرْ؟	لَمْ يَفْتَحْ	أَلَمْ يَفْتَحْ؟
لَمْ يَنْصُرُوا	أَلَمْ يَنْصُرُوا؟	لَمْ يَفْتَحُوا	أَلَمْ يَفْتَحُوا؟
لَمْ أَنْصُرْ	أَلَمْ تَنْصُرْ؟	لَمْ أَفْتَحْ	أَلَمْ تَفْتَحْ؟
لَمْ نَنْصُرْ	أَلَمْ تَنْصُرُوا؟	لَمْ نَفْتَحْ	أَلَمْ تَفْتَحُوا؟
You (all) did not help	لَمْ تَنْصُرُوا		لَمْ تَفْتَحُوا
We did not help	لَمْ نَنْصُرْ		لَمْ نَفْتَحْ
She did not help	لَمْ تَنْصُرْ		لَمْ تَفْتَحْ

