




Grammar Lesson-20b: The five nouns **أَسْمَاءُ خَمْسَةَ**

We have seen that the scissor word drops ن of these five verbs. Such verbs are called **أَفْعَالُ خَمْسَةَ** (the five verbs). They are classified in this way for us to remember the above change. Note again that the five verbs are: **يَفْعَلَانِ، يَفْعَلُونَ تَفْعَلَانِ، تَفْعَلُونَ، تَفْعَلِينَ**.

There are five nouns (**أَسْمَاءُ خَمْسَةَ**) that are very special in Arabic. They are:

أَبُو، حَمُو، أَخُو، فُو، ذُو

The special thing about them is the way they change their forms in the three states of **رَفْعٍ، جَرٍ، نَصْبٍ**. Let us practice these states for each of the five nouns with TPI. The top row gives their meanings.

owner	mouth	brother	father-in-law	father	
ذُو	فُو	أَخُو	حَمُو	أَبُو	
ذَا	فَا	أَخَا	حَمَا	أَبَا	
ذِي	فِي	أَخِي	حَمِي	أَبِي	

Three states of جَرٍ، نَصْبٍ، رَفْعٍ for five nouns (أَسْمَاءُ خَمْسَةَ)

أَخُو زَيْدٍ Brother of Zaid	حَمُو زَيْدٍ Father-in-law of Zaid	أَبُو زَيْدٍ Father of Zaid
هَذَا أَخُو زَيْدٍ	هَذَا حَمُو زَيْدٍ	هَذَا أَبُو زَيْدٍ
رَأَيْتُ أَخَا زَيْدٍ	رَأَيْتُ حَمَا زَيْدٍ	رَأَيْتُ أَبَا زَيْدٍ
سَمِعْتُ مِنْ أَخِي زَيْدٍ	سَمِعْتُ مِنْ حَمِي زَيْدٍ	سَمِعْتُ مِنْ أَبِي زَيْدٍ

ذُو الْجَلَالِ Owner of Majesty	فُو Mouth
اللَّهُ ذُو الْجَلَالِ	هَذَا فُو زَيْدٍ
دَعَوْتُ ذَا الْجَلَالِ	رَأَيْتُ فَا زَيْدٍ
أَعُوذُ بِذِي الْجَلَالِ	الْحَلْوَةُ فِي فِي زَيْدٍ

➤ Examples from the Qur'an - أُو

← أُو وَأَبُونَا شَيْخٌ كَبِيرٌ

And our father is an old man

← أُو مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ

Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men

← أُو تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ

May the hands of Abu Lahab be ruined, and ruined is he

➤ Examples from the Quran - أُخُو

← أُخُو قَالَ إِنِّي أَنَا أَخُوكَ

He said, Indeed, I am your brother

← أُخُو ثُمَّ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ وَأَخَاهُ هَارُونَ بِآيَاتِنَا

Then We sent Moses and his brother Aaron with Our signs

← أُخُو وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ وَأَخِيهِ

And We inspired to Moses and his brother

➤ Examples from the Quran - فُو

← فُو كَبَّاسِطٍ كَفَّيْهِ إِلَى الْمَاءِ لِيَبْلُغَ فَاهُ

Like the one who stretches his hands toward water
[from afar, calling it] to reach his mouth

➤ Examples from the Quran - ذُو

← ذُو وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

And Allah is the possessor of great bounty

← ذُو قَالُوا يَا ذَا الْقَرْنَيْنِ

They said: O Dhul-Qarnayn

← ذُو وَالْقُرْآنِ ذِي الذِّكْرِ

By the Qur'an containing reminder