

## Grammar Lesson-20c: Partially Flexible Nouns

You have learnt the three states of a typical noun and also used them in the examples:

examples	states		
جَاءَ مُسْلِمٌ	Original state (رفع state)		مُسْلِمٌ
رَأَى زَيْدٌ مُسْلِمًا	When there is effect (نصب state)		مُسْلِمًا
سَمِعَ زَيْدٌ مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ	After preposition (جر state)		مُسْلِمٍ

However, there are some interesting exceptions to the signs on certain nouns, for example:

No Tanween

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

No Kasrah

كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

Such nouns are called Partially Flexible Nouns. They do not take any Tanween on them nor any Kasrah when they are in Jarr state. **No Tanween, No Kasrah.**

### Fully flexible noun

Original state (رفع state)		مُسْلِمٌ
When there is effect (نصب state)		مُسْلِمًا
After preposition (جر state)		مُسْلِمٍ

### Partially Flexible Nouns

أَكْبَرُ	إِبْرَاهِيمُ		Original state (رفع state)
أَكْبَرَ	إِبْرَاهِيمَ		When there is effect (نصب state)
أَكْبَرِ	إِبْرَاهِيمِ		After preposition (جر state)

There are other nouns too which behave like this. To remember their types let us make a story of word types given in the right column (The left column shows additional examples of each word type). Read the words downwards while reading this story.

معاوية and مريم got married. They were blessed with عمر، عفان، أحمد، إبراهيم. The family went to مصر for vacation. They ate in مطاعم (restaurants) and were very سعداء (happy). However, معاوية was very much غضبان because of heavy مصاريف (expenses).

أَسَامَةٌ، حُدَيْفَةٌ، حَمَزَةٌ	←	مُعَاوِيَةٌ
فَاطِمَةٌ، عَائِشَةٌ، زَيْنَبُ	←	مَرْيَمٌ
إِسْمَاعِيلُ، إِسْحَاقُ، يَعْقُوبُ، فِرْعَوْنُ، هَامَانَ، قَارُونُ،	←	إِبْرَاهِيمُ
هَارُوتُ، مَارُوتُ	←	أَحْمَدُ
أَكْرَمُ، أَكْبَرُ، أَرْحَمُ	←	عَفَّانٌ
رَمَضَانَ، عُثْمَانَ، سَلْمَانَ	←	عُمَرُ
مُضَرُّ، رُحْلُ	←	مِصْرٌ
مَكَّةُ، لُنْدُنُ، بَابِلُ	←	مَطَاعِمٌ
مَنَافِعُ، مَشَارِبُ، مَسَاجِدُ	←	سُعْدَاءُ
خُلَفَاءُ، عُلَمَاءُ، عُقَلَاءُ	←	غَضْبَانَ
جَوْعَانَ، تَعْبَانَ، شَبَعَانَ	←	مَصَارِيفٌ
مَصَابِيحُ، مَحَارِيبُ، مَوَاقِيتُ	←	

There are some exceptions to the جر، نصب، رفع rules for these partially flexible nouns that you will study later on.