

LESSON 6

In this lesson we learn the formation of the nouns of place and time **أَسْمَاءُ الْمَكَانِ وَالزَّمَانِ**. Both have the same form which is either **مَفْعَلٌ** (maf'al-un) or **مَفْعِلٌ** (maf'il-un), e.g., **مَلْعَبٌ** time/place of playing, **مَكْتَبٌ** time/place of writing, **مَطْبَخٌ** time/place of cooking; **مَغْرَبٌ** time/place of the setting (of the sun), **مَشْرِقٌ** time/place of the rising (of the sun).

It is on the pattern of مَفْعَلٌ (maf'al-un) in the following cases :

- if the verb is *nâqis* irrespective of the vowel of the second radical, e.g., **مَجْرَى** course, **مَلْهَى** place of entertainment, **جَرَى** يَجْرِي
- if the second radical of a non-*nâqis* verb has *fathah* or *dammah* in the *mudâri'*, e.g., **مَلْعَبٌ** playground, **مَشْرَبٌ** drinking place, **شَرِبَ** يَشْرَبُ, **مَدْخَلٌ** entrance, **دَخَلَ** يَدْخُلُ, **مَطْبَخٌ** kitchen, **طَبَخَ** يَطْبَخُ

It is on the pattern of مَفْعِلٌ (maf'il-un) in the following cases :

- if the verb is *mithâl* irrespective of the vowel of its second radical, e.g., **مَوْضِعٌ** place, **وَضَعَ** يَضَعُ, **مَوْقِفٌ** car-park, **وَقَفَ** يَقِفُ
- if the second radical of a non-*mithâl* non-*nâqis* verb has *kasrah* in the *mudâri'*, e.g., **مَجْلِسٌ** sitting-room, **جَلَسَ** يَجْلِسُ, **مَنْزِلٌ** place of getting down¹, **نَزَلَ** يَنْزِلُ

A *tâ' marbûtah* (ة) may be added to both the patterns, e.g., **مَنْزِلَةٌ** position, **مَدْرَسَةٌ** school.

1- Exceptions to this rule are: **مَشْرِقٌ** from **يَسْجُدُ** مُسْجِدٌ, **مَغْرَبٌ** from **يَشْرُقُ** مَشْرِقٌ, **يَغْرُبُ** from **يَغْرُبُ** مَغْرِبٌ.

According to the rule, these should have been on the pattern of **maf'al**

✍ Exercises

- 1) Form the nouns of time and place from the following verbs.
- 2) Point out the nouns of time and place in the following passages mentioning the pattern of each of them and the verb from which it has been derived.
- 3) Point out the nouns of time and place occurring in the main lesson mentioning the pattern of each of them and the verb from which it has been derived.

