

## الأفعال المطلقة - Nahw - Let us hit a hitting or rejoice a rejoicing

In the Arabic Language a verb may take its مَصْدَرٌ to express:

1. Emphasis or magnification of action
2. Manner of action
3. Number of times the action occurred

Note: The مَصْدَرٌ (also known as the *verbal noun*) is a word that indicates the occurrence of an

action and is free of tense e.g. نَصَرَ (to assist)

The مَصْدَرٌ, when used as such, is known as الْمَفْعُولُ الْمُطْلَقُ (or the *absolute object*)

and is always in the state of نصب.

An example of first kind of الْمَفْعُولُ الْمُطْلَقُ is إِذَا رُجَّتِ الْأَرْضُ رَجًّا (when the earth will be shaken with a shaking) i.e. shaken violently. Here the verb *shake* is being emphasized. This

structure is also called التَّكْيِيدُ. For still greater emphasis the مَصْدَرٌ may be reproduced a third

time e.g. إِذَا دُكَّتِ الْأَرْضُ دُكًّا دُكًّا (when the earth will be crushed a crushing, crushing)

The second kind of الْمَفْعُولُ الْمُطْلَقُ can be exemplified by the sentence

جَلَسْتُ جِلْسَةَ الْقَارِي (I sat like a Qari would sit) where the manner of *sitting* is being

described. This structure is also called النَّوْعُ

Finally the third kind of الْمَفْعُولُ الْمُطْلَقُ can be depicted by the phrase دَقَّتِ السَّاعَةُ

دَقَّتَيْنِ (the clock struck to strikings) i.e. the clock struck twice. This structure is also called

التَّمِينُ

Sometimes the adjective alone is expressed and the الْمَفْعُولُ الْمُطْلَقُ is understood e.g.

ضَرَبَ شَدِيدًا (he struck violently) which was actually

ضَرَبَ ضَرْبًا شَدِيدًا.

Some very interesting usage of the الْمَفْعُولُ الْمُطْلَقُ can be seen in everyday phrases like

أُسْعِدُكَ اسْعَادَيْنِ سَعْدَيْنِ which was originally (I am here to help) i.e. I am here to help

not one, but two times. Similarly, مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ was originally

أَعُوذُ مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ (I seek the refuge of Allah) i.e. Allah forbid!. Another example of this usage is

قَدِمْتَ قَدُومًا خَيْرَ مَقْدَمٍ which was actually خَيْرَ مَقْدَمٍ (you came a blessed coming)

i.e. Welcome!

Insha Allah this introduction to the concept of الْمَفْعُولُ الْمُطْلَقُ will go a long way in

helping the students of Classical Arabic towards a better understanding of Arabic Grammar.