

HOLLOW VERBS FORM I–X

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Hollow verbs are verbs with *و* or *ي* as their middle root consonant. In form I there are two different inflectional classes for verbs with the middle root *و* and one for verbs with the middle root *ي*. Hollow verbs in forms II, III, V, VI and IX are inflected exactly like strong verbs. Forms IV, VII, VII and X are inflected the same, regardless of whether the middle root is *و* or *ي*. The gray row shows the shortened form of 1s past tense applicable also to 2ms, 2fs, 1pl, 2mpl, and 3fpl (i.e. with the ending *مت, مت, منا, مت, or من*). Example verbs are taken from A Frequency Dictionary of Arabic by Tim Buckwalter and Dilworth Parkinson (Routledge 2011).

X	IX	VIII	VII	VI	V	IV	III	II	I ي	I و b	I و a	
اِسْتَأْتَلُ		اِسْتَأْتَلُ		Past								
اِسْتَأْتَلْتُ	Past 1s											
اِسْتَأْتَلُ	Present											
اِسْتَأْتَلُ	Irregular			<i>maṣdar</i>								
اِسْتَأْتَلُ			Act. part.									
اِسْتَأْتَلُ	Pass. part.											
استطاع	اسود	احتاج	انهار	تناول	تزوج	أراد	حاول	حول	عاش	نام	قال	Example

DEFECTIVE VERBS FORM I–X

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Defective verbs are verbs that have *و* or *ي* as their third root consonant. In form I there are two different inflectional classes for verbs with the final root *ي*, and one for verbs with the final root *و*. In forms II–X all defective verbs are inflected the same way regardless of whether the final root is *و* or *ي*. The nunation *ـِ* in active par-

ticiples and *maṣḍars* is replaced with *ي* when the word is definite and in construct state (e.g. قاضي بغداد، القاضي، قاضٍ). Passive participles with *ي* are traditionally described as having an ending *ـِ*. This is however rarely enunciated or produced in print. Defective verbs in form IX are unattested in modern Arabic and very rare in

Classical Arabic (see Wright’s Grammar, vol.i, ¶[59]). The gray row shows the shortened form of 1s past tense applicable also to 2ms, 2fs, 1pl, 2mpl, and 3fpl (i.e. with the ending *ـِ*, *ـِ*, *ـِ*, *ـِ*, or *ـِ*). Example verbs are taken from A Frequency Dictionary of Arabic by Tim Buckwalter and Dilworth Parkinson (Routledge 2011).

X	VIII	VII	VI	V	IV	III	II	I و	I ي <i>b</i>	I ي <i>a</i>	
اِسْتَأْنَى	Past										
اِسْتَأْنَيْتُ	Past 1s										
يَسْتَأْنِي	Present										
اِسْتِئَاءٌ	Irregular			<i>maṣḍar</i>							
مُسْتَأْنٍ			Act. part.								
مُسْتَأْنَى	Pass. part.										
استدعى	اشترى	انبغى	توالى	تمنى	أعطى	نادى	صلى	دعا	بقي	مشى	Example