

FUNCTION B: TALKING ABOUT PAST OCCUPATIONS

VERB “TO WORK” ➔ Type I verbs are the simplest and are comprised only of the root consonants and suffix. “Derived” verb forms (II-X) however, have additional “pattern letters”. Compare these two patterns:

$C_1aC_2aC_3$	Type I	فعل
$C_1taC_2aC_3$	Type VIII	افتعل

As you can see, there is an additional *t* ت between the first and second root consonants. In the Arabic there is also an *Alif* at the beginning.

Regular Type VIII in Past Tense (*sh-gh-l* شغل)

<i>hurwwe</i>	<i>shtaghal</i>	he, it (m) worked	اشتغل	هو
<i>hiyye</i>	<i>shtaghal-et</i>	she, it (f) worked	اشتغلت	هي
<i>hénne</i>	<i>shtaghal-u</i>	they worked	اشتغلوا	هن
<i>ana</i>	<i>shtaghal-é-t</i>	I worked	اشتغلت	أنا
<i>énte</i>	<i>shtaghal-é-t</i>	you (m) worked	اشتغلت	انت
<i>énti</i>	<i>shtaghal-ti</i>	you (f) worked	اشتغلتي	انتي
<i>éntu</i>	<i>shtaghal-tu</i>	you (pl) worked	اشتغلتموا	انتوا
<i>néhna</i>	<i>shtaghal-na</i>	we worked	اشتغلنا	نحن

Note that the *Alif* at the beginning of all the verbs and the final *Alif* in the plural forms *-u* وا are not pronounced.

1. Conjugate these verbs and write their root consonants in the space provided.

<i>hurwwe</i>	<i>qtarah</i>	he suggested	اقترح	هو
<i>hiyye</i>	_____			هي
<i>hénne</i>	_____			هن
<i>ana</i>	_____			أنا
<i>énte</i>	_____			انت
<i>énti</i>	_____			انتي
<i>éntu</i>	_____			انتوا
<i>néhna</i>	_____			نحن
<i>él-jéžr</i>	_____			الجزر

<i>hurwwe</i>	<i>etazar</i>	he apologised	اعتذر	هو
<i>hiyye</i>	_____			هي
<i>hénne</i>	_____			هن
<i>ana</i>	_____			أنا
<i>énte</i>	_____			انت
<i>énti</i>	_____			انتي
<i>éntu</i>	_____			انتوا
<i>néhna</i>	_____			نحن
<i>él-jéžr</i>	_____			الجزر



2. Listen to the conversation and fill in the missing words.

- A *shu ésmak?* أ شو اسمك؟
 B _____ ب
 A *énte mneen?* أ انت منين؟
 B _____ ب
 A *w énte métzawwej?* أ وانت متزوج؟
 B _____ ب
 A *ε andak wlaad?* أ عندك اولاد؟
 B _____ ب
 A *shu btéshthéghel?* أ شو بتشتغل؟
 B _____ ب
 A *w ween shtaghalt mén εabl?* أ و وين اشتغلت من قبل؟
 B *shtaghalt b- _____* ب اشتغلت ب _____

بمدينة _____
b-madiinet
 يعني عصمة استراليا.
yaeni ε asmet ostraalya.
 و قبل هذا اشتغلت ب _____
w εabl haadshtaghalt b- _____
 بمدينة _____
b-madiinet

<i>shérke, shérkaat</i>	company	شركة، شركات
<i>shérket (ésm ésh-shérke)</i>	company X	شركة (اسم الشركة)
<i>wazaara, wazaaraat</i>	ministry	وزارة، وزارات
<i>wazaaret él-khaarjiyye</i>	foreign ministry	وزارة الخارجية
<i>madiine, médon</i>	city	مدينة، مدن
<i>ε aasme, ε awaasem</i>	capital	عاصمة، عواصم
<i>wilacaye, wilayaat</i>	state	ولاية، ولايات

PLEASED TO MEET YOU ❖ When you meet someone for the first time you can also say *sharrafna* تشرفنا which literally means “you honour us”. In this situation however, the phrase can be used as is, regardless of who is speaking or who is being spoken to.

sharrafna it's a pleasure to meet you تشرفنا

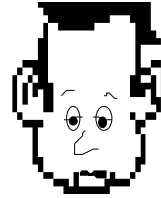
3. Write a dialogue between two people meeting for the first time. Include where they have come from, family, what they are doing now and what they have done before.

THE DEFINITE ARTICLE ♦♦ In the first chapter we mentioned that *él-* ال- is used in Arabic, when no article is used in English, for example, when you speak about things in general or about abstract concepts for example

<i>b-...</i>	<i>in...</i>	بـ...
<i>...éz-ziraʕa</i>	..agriculture	..الزراعة
<i>...ét-taʕlüm</i>	..education	..التعليم
<i>...šinaaʕet ét-tarfüh</i>	..the entertainment industry	..صناعة الترفيه
<i>...él-azyaa'</i>	..fashion	..الأزياء
<i>...él-boorša</i>	..finance (<i>lit.</i> the stock exchange)	..البورصة
<i>...él-éstiiraad w ét-tašdiir</i>	..import-export	..الإستيراد و التصدير
<i>...és-šahaʕfe</i>	..journalism	..الصحافة
<i>...és-šinaaʕa</i>	..manufacturing	..الصناعة
<i>...él-éʕlaam</i>	..media	..الأعلام
<i>...ét-tébb</i>	..medicine	..الطب
<i>...és-siyaase</i>	..politics	..السياسة
<i>...daar nashʕr</i>	..publishing (<i>lit.</i> a publishing house)	..دار نشر
<i>...és-syaaha</i>	..tourism	..السياحة
<i>...ét-tijaara</i>	..trade	..التجارة
<i>maʕ éd-dawle</i>	with the public service (<i>lit.</i> the state)	مع الدولة



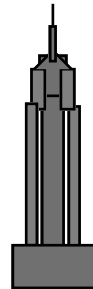
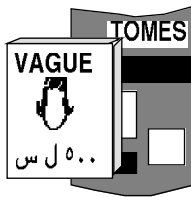
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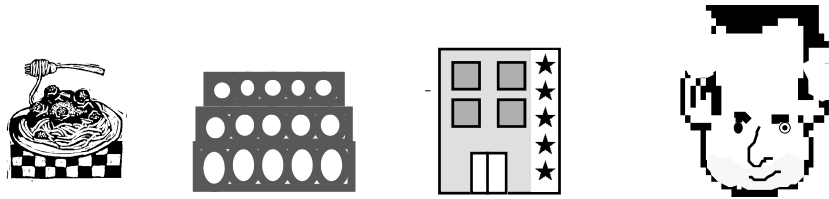
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- A *ween ʕštaʕhal John mén qabʕl?* أ وين اشتغل جون من قبل؟
 B *b-šérket _____* ب بشركة _____
b-wilaayet _____ b-Amærka. بولاية _____ بأميركا.

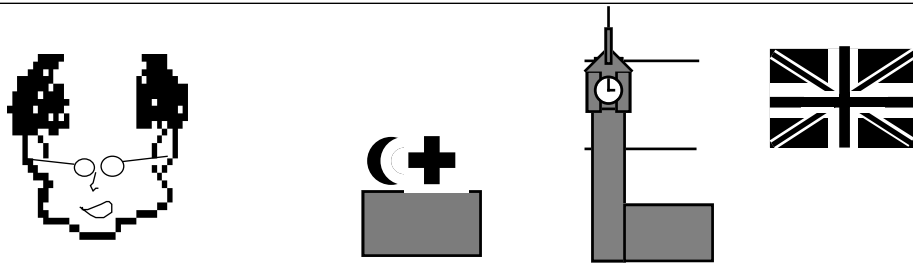
Work with a teacher or classmate and discuss what these people (who are now all students of Arabic) did before they came to Syria.



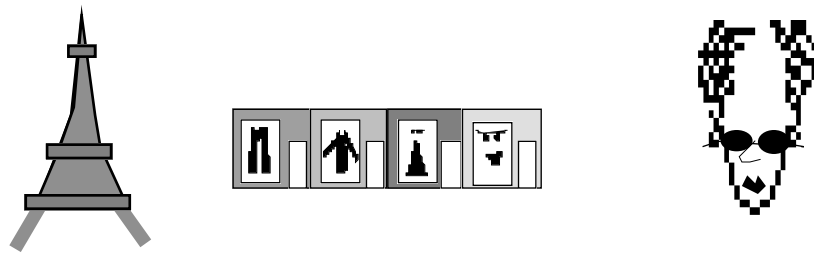
a. _____



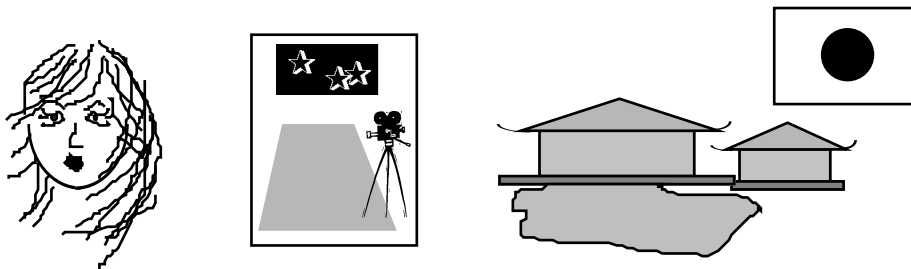
b. _____



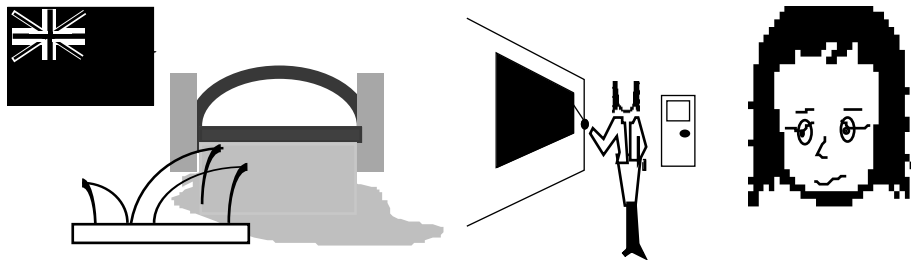
c. _____



d. _____



e. _____



f. _____