

**FUNCTION B: AROUND THE HOUSE**

**DERIVED VERB FORMS OVERVIEW** You should now be familiar with verbs Types I, V and VIII. In fact, there are nine derived verb forms, making a total of ten verb “Types”. Each Type follows a fixed pattern into which the verb root is slotted. The simplest pattern and closest to the root itself is Type I. Each subsequent pattern is slightly more complicated and gives a meaning “derived” from the root. Knowing both the root meaning and verb patterns will often allow you to work out the meaning and pronunciation of a new word without referring to a dictionary. Below is a reference table summarising the patterns and semantic implications of all ten verb types (types IV and IX have not been included because they are rarely used in Syrian Colloquial).

Type	Past	Present	Semantic Implications	المضارع	الماضي
I	$C_1aC_2aC_3$	$yéC_1C_2aC_3$	action	يفعل	فعل
II	$C_1aC_2C_2aC_3$	$yC_1aC_2C_2aC_3$	(I intransitive >) transitive (I transitive >) causative (I transitive >) intensified action	يفعلُّ	فعلُّ
III	$C_1aaC_2aC_3$	$yC_1aaC_2aC_3$	reciprocal action (I acquiring >) investing quality	يفاعلِ	فاعلِ
V	$tC_1aC_2C_2aC_3$	$yétC_1aC_2C_2aC_3$	reflexive of II passive of II may involve social activities	يتفعلُّ	تفعلُّ
VI	$tC_1aaC_2C_2aC_3$	$yétC_1aaC_2C_2aC_3$	reflexive of III passive of III to bear the resemblance of the action	يتفاعلِ	تفاعلِ
VII	$nC_1aC_2aC_3$	$yénC_1aC_2aC_3$	reflexive of I passive of I	ينفعلِ	انفعلِ
VIII	$C_1taC_2aC_3$	$yéC_1táC_2aC_3$	active (often no I)	يتفعلِ	اتفعلِ
X	$staC_1C_2aC_3$	$yéstaC_1C_2aC_3$	to seek to do the action attributes quality of action to s.o./th.	يستفعلِ	استفعلِ

1. Verb type recognition game. Identify the types of each pair of verbs (listed in past tense) and write their type numeral and common root, for example

eg *khalaṣ* / *khallaṣ* > I / II *kh-l-ṣ* to finish / to finish s.th. خ-ل-ص I / II خلص / خلص

a. *ʿallam* / *tʿallam* to teach / to learn علم / تعلم

b. *ʿaabal* / *stʿabal* to meet / to receive (ie seek to meet) قابل / استقبل

c. *nézel* / *nazzal* to go down / to let off (a bus) نزل / نزل

d. *raafaq* / *traafaq* to accompany / to be accompanied رافق / ترافق

e. *jaawab* / *stajwab* to reply / to interview جواب / استجوب

f. *twaafeq* / *ttafaq* to agree / to be in agreement توافق / اتفق

g. *qatal* / *nqatal* to kill / to be killed قتل / انقتل

h. *ṣaraf* / *tṣarraf* to spend / to behave صرف / تصرف

i. *daras* / *darras* to study / to teach درس / درّس

j. *ʿémel* / *stʿamal* to do / to use عمل / استعمل

k. *ʿaamal* / *tʿaamal* to treat / to be treated عامل / تعامل

l. *shaaghghal* / *shtaghhal* to operate (something) / to work شغل / اشتغل

m. *haqqaq* / *shtaqq* to achieve / to deserve حقق / استحق

n. *naqqal* / *ntaqqal* to transport / to move house نقل / انتقل

o. *shébeh* / *shtabah* to resemble / to suspect شبه / اشتبه

p. *khanaq* / *khanaaq* to choke / to fight s.o. خنق / تخانق

q. *diie* / *dayye* to become lost / to lose s.th. ضيع / ضيع

r. *hassan* / *thassan* to improve s.th. / to improve حسن / تحسن

s. *ʿaar* / *stʿaar* to lend / to borrow عار / استعار

$C_1aC_2aC_3$	$yéC_1C_2aC_3$	I	يفعل	فعل
$C_1aC_2C_2aC_3$	$yC_1aC_2C_2aC_3$	II	يفعل	فعل
$C_1aaC_2aC_3$	$yC_1aaC_2aC_3$	III	يفاعل	فاعل
$tC_1aC_2C_2aC_3$	$yétC_1aC_2C_2aC_3$	V	يتفعل	تفعل
$tC_1aaC_2C_2aC_3$	$yétC_1aaC_2C_2aC_3$	VI	يتفاعل	تفاعل
$nC_1aC_2aC_3$	$yénC_1aC_2aC_3$	VII	ينفعل	انفعل
$C_1taC_2aC_3$	$yéC_1táC_2aC_3$	VIII	يتفعل	اتفعل
$staC_1C_2aC_3$	$yéstaC_1C_2aC_3$	X	يستفعل	استفعل

**2. Verb type recognition game. Make verbs from these roots and link them to their meaning, for example**

eg $f-h-m >$ $féhem$	I to understand	ف-ه-م فهم
a. $f-h-m$	II	ف-ه-م
b. $f-h-m$	VI	ف-ه-م
c. $f-h-m$	X	ف-ه-م
d. $q-t-é$	I	ق-ط-ع
e. $q-t-é$	II	ق-ط-ع
f. $q-t-é$	VII	ق-ط-ع
g. $é-r-f$	I	ع-ر-ف
h. $é-r-f$	II	ع-ر-ف
i. $é-r-f$	VIII	ع-ر-ف
to cut	to inquire	to know
to cut into pieces	to explain, make understand	to introduce
to be cut off	to discuss, reach an understanding	to confess
	with one another	

**A VERY HANDY VERB** ➔ One root used very frequently in Syrian in a variety of types and idioms is *ṭ-l-ع* . طلع . First compare the meanings of the different types:

	I	
<i>téleε (a)</i>	to go out, up	طلع (ـ) (ـ)
	II	
<i>ṭallaε, yṭalleε</i>	to take s.o. out to earn	طَلَع، يَطْلَع
	V	
<i>ṭtallaε, yéṭṭallaε</i>	to look	تَطْلَع، يَتَطْلَع
	A.P.	
<i>ṭaaleε, -a, -iin</i>	to appear	طالِع، -ة، -ين

Now look at how many idiomatic uses they have:

	I	
<i>huwwe téleε maεi</i>	he went out with me	مو طلع معي
<i>téleε maεi ٥٠٠ leera b-él-jeebe</i>	I found 500 lira in my pocket	طلع معي ٥٠٠ ليرة بالجيب
<i>sa'alt <sup>ḳ</sup>ktiir w téleε maεi énno muu mnaaseb</i>	I asked and asked, and discovered that it wasn't appropriate	سألت كثير و طلع معي انه مو مناسب
<i>téleε-li malyoon leera b-él-yaanaṣiib</i>	I won a million lira in the lottery	طلع لي مليون ليرة باليانصيب
<i>ḥaawelt <sup>ḳ</sup>ktiir bass maa téleε-li shi</i>	I tried and tried, but nothing happened	حاولت كثير بس ما طلع لي شي
<i>maa byéṭlaε b-iidi</i>	I can't do it (lit. it's not within my reach)	ما بيطلع بايدي
<i>ṭléεt b-ét-telefézyoon</i>	I was on TV	طلعت بالتلفزيون
<i>téleε khéṭqi εaleeh</i>	I lost my temper with him	طلع خلقي عليه
<i>btéṭlaε shi khaamse</i>	she is about five	بتطلع شي خمسة
	II	
<i>la ṭtalleε-li khéṭqi</i>	don't make me angry	لا تطلّع لي خلقي
<i>tallaεt εyuuni mén ésh-shégh<sup>ḳ</sup>t</i>	I'm fed up with work	طلّعت عيوني من الشغل
<i>tallaεt roohi</i>	I tried my hardest	طلّعت روحي
<i>miin ṭallaεt ha-l-ishaaεa?</i>	who started this rumour?	مين طلّع هالاشاعة؟
	V	
<i>ḥaaje téṭtallaε fiini!</i>	stop staring at me!	حاجة تتطلّع فيني!
<i>laa téṭtallaε εaleey, muu ana yalli saaweeta!</i>	don't look at me, I didn't do it!	لا تتطلّع عليي، مو أنا يلى ساويتها!
	A.P.	
<i>ṭaaleε khéṭqi</i>	to be agitated, nervous, angry	طالِع خلقي
<i>ṭaaleε b-telefzyoon</i>	to be on TV	طالِع بالتلفزيون

**TYPE II VERBS** ♦ As you saw in the verb type table, Type II verbs can be the transitive (takes an object) of an intransitive (doesn't take an object) Type I, for example

<i>naddaf, yaddaf</i>	to clean	نظَّف، يَنْظِفُ
<i>azzal, yazzel</i>	to spring clean	عزَّل، يَعْزِلُ
<i>lammaʕ, yammaʕ</i>	to polish	لمَّع، يَلْمَعُ
<i>rattab, yratteb</i>	to tidy	رتَّب، يَرْتَبُ
<i>kannas, ykannes</i>	to sweep	كنَّس، يَكْنَسُ
<i>sallah, ysalleh</i>	to mend	صلَّح، يَصْلِحُ
<i>ʕallaʕ, yʕalleʕ</i>	to hang up (a picture)	علَّق، يعلِّقُ
<i>sakkar, ysakker</i>	to close	سكَّر، يَسكِّرُ
<i>ʕabba, yʕabbi</i>	to fill	عبَّى، يعبِّي
<i>shaaʕ ʕal, yshaaʕ ʕel</i>	to light	شعل، يشعلُ
<i>haddar, yhaddeh</i>	to prepare	حضَّر، يحضِّرُ
<i>jarrab, yjarreb</i>	to try	جرب، يجربُ
<i>ghayyar, yghayyer</i>	to change	غيَّر، يغيِّرُ
<i>dayyaʕ, ydayyeʕ</i>	to lose	ضيَّع، يضيِّعُ
<i>dawwar, ydawwer</i>	to look for	دور، يدورُ
<i>qarrar, yqarrer</i>	to decide	قرَّر، يقرِّرُ
<i>balleh, yballeh</i>	to begin	بلَّش، يبلِّشُ
<i>kammal, ykammel</i>	to complete	كَمَّل، يكمِّلُ
<i>khallas, ykhalles</i>	to finish	خلَّص، يخلِّصُ

or a causative form of the Type I action, for example

<i>labbas, ylabbes</i>	to dress (s.o.)	لبَّس، يلبِّسُ
<i>fayyaʕ, yfayyeʕ</i>	to wake (s.o.) up	فَيَّق، يفيِّقُ
<i>nashshaf, ynashshef</i>	to dry	نشَّف، ينشِّفُ
<i>jaddad, yjadedd</i>	to renew	جدَّد، يجدِّدُ
<i>khaffaf, ykhaffef</i>	to lighten, lessen	خفَّف، يخفِّفُ
<i>qassar, yqasser</i>	to shorten	قصر، يقصِّرُ
<i>qarrab, yqarreb</i>	to bring closer	قرب، يقربُ
<i>baʕ ʕad, ybaʕ ʕed</i>	to move further away	بعد، يبعدُ

If the Type I verb is already transitive, Type II can express an intensified action, for example

<i>qattaʕ, yqatteʕ</i>	to cut/chop up	قطَّع، يقطِّعُ
<i>kassar, ykasser</i>	to break into pieces	كسَّر، يكسِّرُ

**IDIOMS** ♦ Common expressions using Type II verbs include:

<i>tawwel baalak!</i>	be patient! (to a man)	طوِّلْ بِأَلِك!
<i>tawwli baalek!</i>	be patient! (to a woman)	طوِّلي بِأَلِك!
<i>tawwlu baalkon!</i>	be patient! (to a group)	طوِّلوا بِأَلِكُن!
<i>khabberni, khabbriini</i>	let me know	خبِّرنِي، خبِّريْنِي
<i>bkhabbrak, -ek</i>	I'll let you (m) know	بخبِّرك



3. Listen to the passage, fill in the missing Type II verbs and answer the questions.

هي اخذت مفتاح البيت الجديد. لازم \_\_\_\_\_ البيت منيح  
أول شي و \_\_\_\_\_ المفروشات. بعدين ح \_\_\_\_\_  
المكيّف و \_\_\_\_\_ التلفزيون و بعد ما \_\_\_\_\_ كل هاد،  
ح \_\_\_\_\_ على دفتر العناوين حتى اتصل بالمكتب  
العقاري و اسأل عن الستالايت و عن المفتاح الاضافي لاني  
\_\_\_\_\_ ه و اطلب \_\_\_\_\_ مازوت للشوفاج.

<i>mafruushaat</i>	furnishings	مفروشات
<i>daftar él-ع anaawiin</i>	address book	دفتر العناوين
<i>maktab ع aqaari</i>	real estate agent	مكتب عقاري
<i>méftah idaafi</i>	spare key	مفتاح اضافي
<i>maazuut</i>	oil	مازوت

*hayy akhadat méftaah él-beet lé-jdiid. laazem \_\_\_\_\_ él-beet mniih  
awwal shi w \_\_\_\_\_ él-mafruushaat. baʿdeen ha \_\_\_\_\_  
él-mukayyif w \_\_\_\_\_ ét-telefézyoon w baʿd ma \_\_\_\_\_ kéll  
haad, ha \_\_\_\_\_ ع ala daftar él-ع anaawiin hatta éttéssel b-él-maktab  
él-ع aqaari w as'al ع an és-satelaayt w ع an él-méftaah él-idaafi la'énno  
\_\_\_\_\_ o. w étlob \_\_\_\_\_ maazuut lé-sh-shoofaaj.*

*él-as'ile:*

الأسئلة:

- a. *shu béddo yaʿmel awwal shi?* شو بده يعمل أول شي؟  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. *leesh hayéttéssel b-él-maktab él-ع aqaari?* ليش حيتصل بالمكتب العقاري؟  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. *eemta haydawwer ع a-d-daftar él-ع anaawiin?* ايتمى حيدور عالدفتر العناوين؟  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. *ween él-méftaah él-idaafi?* وين المفتاح الاضافي؟  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL NOUNS OF TYPE II** ➔ The easiest verbal noun pattern to recognise is Type II:

$taC_1C_2jiC_3$

تفعيل

Remember a verbal noun is a noun that comes from the action of the verb.

**4. Root recognition game. Make verbal nouns from these verbs and guess their meaning (choose from the words listed below), for example**

eg	<i>darrab</i> > <i>tadriib</i>	training	درّب < تدرييب
a.	<i>naddaf</i> _____		نظّف
b.	<i>ghayyar</i> _____		غيّر
c.	<i>ṣallah</i> _____		صلّح
d.	<i>rattab</i> _____		رتّب
e.	<i>haddar</i> _____		حضّر
f.	<i>ṣawwar</i> _____		صوّر
g.	<i>dakhkhan</i> _____		دخّن
h.	<i>marran</i> _____		مرّن
i.	<i>ʿallam</i> _____		علّم
j.	<i>massal</i> _____		مثّل
k.	<i>darras</i> _____		درّس

  

cleaning	smoking	tidying	preparation
education	practice	teaching	training
photography	repairing	representation / acting	

**PARTICIPLES OF TYPE II** ➔ Active and passive participles of Type II verbs are made by simple adding *m-* before the stems of the past and present verb forms, for example

<i>yʿallem</i> > <i>mʿallem</i>	he teaches > one who teaches	يعلم < معلّم
<i>ʿallam</i> > <i>mʿallam</i>	he taught > one who is taught	علم < معلّم

**5. Root recognition game. Draw a line between matching verbal nouns and participles, for example**

a.	<i>taʿliim</i>	<i>mṣalleh</i>	مصلّح	تعليم
b.	<i>taṣwiir</i>	<i>mdarres</i>	مدرّس	تصوير
c.	<i>tadriib</i>	<i>mṣawwer</i>	مصورّ	تدرييب
d.	<i>tadriis</i>	<i>mʿallem</i>	معلّم	تدريس
e.	<i>taṣliih</i>	<i>mmassel</i>	ممثّل	تصليح
f.	<i>tamsiil</i>	<i>mdarreb</i>	مدرّب	تمثيل

**OBLIGATION AND INTENTION** ➔ These words can be used before present tense verbs to express intention and obligation:

<i>naawi, naawye, naawyiin</i>	to intend to...	ناوي، ناوية ناويين
<i>ʕala</i> + attached pronoun	to be obliged to...	على + ضمير

The first is an active participle and the second a preposition. Look at these examples:

<i>naawi ʕ mel reejim</i>	I'm going to go on a diet	ناوي اعمل ريجيم
<i>ʕaleey shéghl ktir</i>	I have lots of work to do	علي شغل كثير

**CLARIFYING INTENTION** ➔ These expressions are used to clarify intention:

<i>shu ʕaʕdak?</i>	what do you mean?	شو قصدك؟
<i>ʕaʕdi...</i>	I mean...	قصدي...
<i>yaʕni...</i>	I mean...	يعني...
<i>maʕnaata...</i>	I mean...	معناها...

**IDIOMS** ➔

<i>maa biʕir</i>	impossible, no way	ما بصير
<i>yéʕtéflu!</i>	let them do what they want!	يصطفلوا!



**6. Listen to the conversation, fill in the missing words and circle all the Type II verbs.**

- A *shu* \_\_\_\_\_ *tsaawi b-ha-l-ghérfe*? شو \_\_\_\_\_ تساوي بهالغرفة؟ أ
- B *hayy hatroka faadye lé-l-dyuuf* هي حاتركها فاضية للضيوف ب  
*lamma yéju mén ostraalya.* لما يجوا من استراليا.
- A *shu* \_\_\_\_\_ *tétroka heek* شو \_\_\_\_\_ تتركها هيك أ  
*biduun faʕsh?* بدون فرش
- A \_\_\_\_\_ *khalliha lé-l-akhir.* leave it خليها للآخر. ب  
*ballesh awwal b-ghérfet én-noom* بلش أول بغرفة النوم  
*w baʕd ma khalleʕ* و بعد ما خلص  
*laazem kammel aghraad él-matbakh,* لازم كمل اغراض المطبخ،  
*w baʕdeen \_\_\_\_\_ tartiib* و بعدين \_\_\_\_\_ ترتيب  
*él-ghérfe le-sghaire lé-l-wlaad.* الغرفة الصغيرة للاولاد.
- A *bass* \_\_\_\_\_ *heek* بس \_\_\_\_\_ هيك أ  
*lé-wlaad yaakhdu él-ghérfe lé-sghaire* الاولاد ياخذوا الغرفة الصغيرة  
*w lé-kbiire btéba lé-l-dyuuf.* و الكبيرة بتبقى للضيوف
- B *hénne béddon* \_\_\_\_\_ هنّ بدهنّ \_\_\_\_\_ ب  
*ʕaʕihon él-ghérfe lé-sghaire.* اعطيهنّ الغرفة الصغيرة.