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## Introduction

### The Benefit of the Study fo Tasreef

The Arabic language has a very organized system of derivation. It is imperative to engage in the study of Tasreef in order to become thoroughly familiar with the Arabic words and their meanings. With careful study, memorization and practice, a strong knowledge of the Arabic words is an objective well within reach. With this foundation the study of syntax or Nahw –the next level of grammar- will be made easier. With these two branches fo grammar, a student can gain a comprehensive knowledge of the Arabic language.

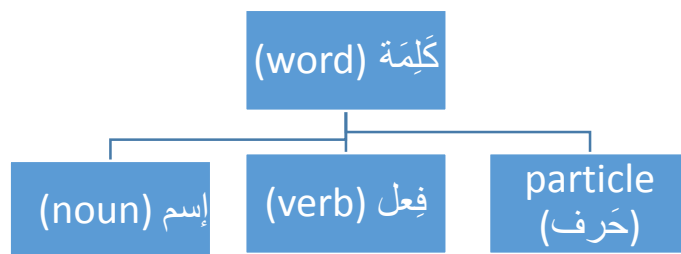
### The Topic of Tasreef

The topic of the study of Tasreef is the Arabic word or *Kalimah* (كَلِمَة). In Tasreef, the Kalimah is examined from the viewpoint of its origin, construction and its particularities in usage and meaning.

### Definition of the Kalimah

Whenever man speaks, his expressions (ألفاظ) are either meaningful or unmeaningful. The Kalimah is a singular (as opposed to a sentence) expressin signifying a particular meaning.

### The Divisions of the Kalimah



‘إسم’ is a word that signifies an independent meaning without being associated with a tense of time. E.e. ‘علم’ (knowledge)

'فعل' is a word that signifies an independent meaning in association with one of the tenses of time, meaning the past (ماضي), present (حال) and the future (مستقبل). E.g. ذَهَبَ (he went), يَذْهَبُ (He is going) and اِذْهَبْ (go)

'حرف' is a word that does not signify an independent meaning in itself, rather it links other words and its meaning is interpreted through this linkage. E.g. 'تَخَلَّتْ فِي الْمَدْرَسَةِ' (I entered the school)

### **Primary and Derivative Words**

'كلمة' is either substantive (جامد) which is not derived from another word, or derivative (مشتق) which is, as 'إسلام'. The word from which the derivative word is taken is the root word (أصل). The root word may be an infinitive (مصدر).