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Lesson 14

Nisbah + Vocabulary

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The so-called Nisba ending is 'ن ' f (in transcription – بيةٌ, f -iyya, with Nunation iyyun or -iyyatun); it is added to nouns and various verbal nouns (مصـدر), but rarely to numbers, prepositions and pronouns, and forms (relative) adjectives and nouns.

The Nisba ending is the most productive word forming suffix in Arabic, and it is comparable to the English suffixes -al, -en a.o. which form adjectives and to the suffixes -ian, -ese which form nouns. The endings and بيا are omitted when the Nisba is added.

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Nouns terminating in a *Nisba* ending which denote persons mostly have the sound plural:

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I asked him		سألتُه
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Regards to (some	eone)	سَلِّم علی (شخص) سَلِّم/سَلِّمی لی علیٰ
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