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Lesson 10

Past or Perfect Tense + Conjugation

1. The perfect tense is one of the two simple forms of the verb in Arabic and basically narrative in function. In most cases, it denotes a completed event or action.
2. The Arabic perfect tense corresponds to both the English past tense and present perfect:

كَتَبَ: He wrote. He has written.

ذَهَبَ: He went. He has gone.

A) The vowel *a* (*Fatha*) invariably follows R₁ and R₃ in the perfect tense.

B) R₂ is mostly followed by *a* (*Fatha*): كَتَبَ (to write), ذَهَبَ (to go), فَعَلَ (to do), often by *i* (*Kasra*): شَرِبَ (to drink),

C) سَمِعَ (to hear) and rarely by *u* (*Dammah*): حَسُنَ (sth was good), كَبُرَ (sth became big).