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Primary and Derivative Words

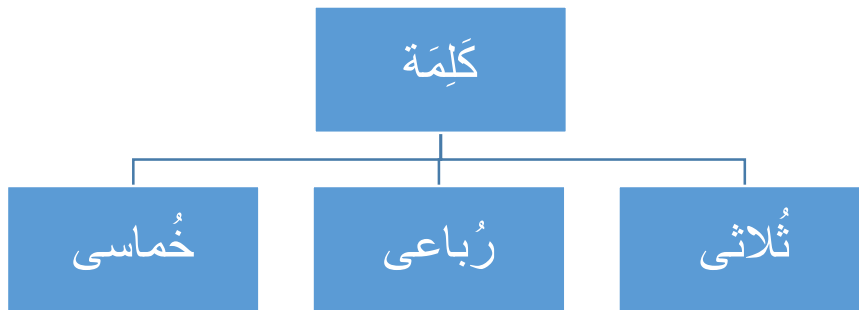
'كلمة' is either substantive (جامد) which is not derived from another word, or derivative (مُشتَقّ) which is, as 'إسلام'. The word from which the derivative word is taken is the root word (أصل). The root word may be an infinitive (مَصْدَر).

Original and Additional Letters

- The letters of a root word that are also found in its derivatives are referred to as the **original letters** (الأحرف الأصيلي)
- The letters that are found only in some of the derivative words are called **additional letters** (الأحرف الزائدة)

For example in 'عالم' and 'معلوم', the three letters 'ع ل م' are the original letters since they are found in their root word (علم). Also 'ا', 'و' and 'م' are additional letters.

Construction of the Kalimah



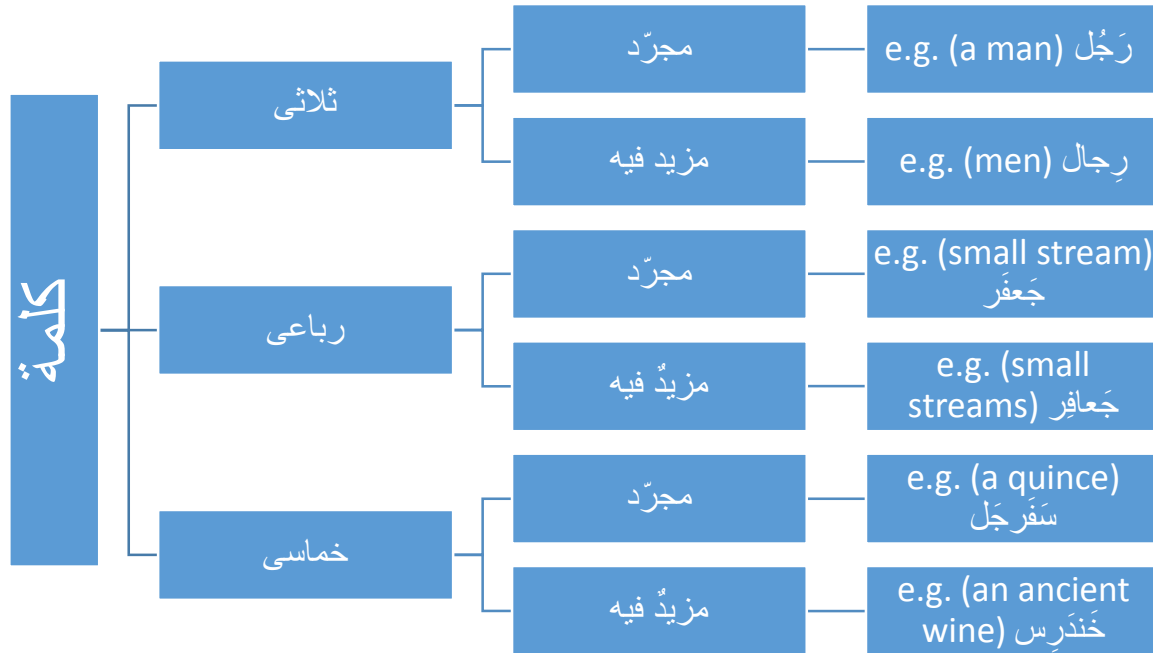
'ثُلَاثِي' is the word that is comprised of three original letters.

'رُبَاعِي' is the word that is comprised of four original letters.

'خُمَاسِي' is the word that is comprised of five original letters.

Each of these also has two subdivisions: 'مُجَرَّد' and 'مُزِيدٌ فِيهِ'.

If the Kalimah contains only the original letters it is Mujarrad (here we call it primary) and if it has additional letters as well, it is Mazeed-fihi (here we call it derivative).



Patterns and their Rules

A particular pattern or Wazn (وَزْن) is utilized to distinguish the original letters from the additional ones. ل، ع، ف are used in the place of the first, second and third original letter, respectively. For example 'كَنْبَ' is on the pattern of 'فَعَلَ' and 'عَلِمَ' is on 'فَعِلَ'. If the word has more than three letters, the letter 'ل' will be repeated. E. g. 'فَعَلَل': 'جَعْفَر' and 'فَعَلَل': 'سَفْرَجَل'

The first original letter is referred to as 'فَاءُ الكَلِمَةِ', the second as 'عَيْنُ الكَلِمَةِ' and the third as 'لَامُ الكَلِمَةِ'. If an original letter is repeated, its corresponding letter in the pattern will be repeated as well. E. e. 'فَعَلَل': 'سَلَّمَ'. The additional letters however, exist in the pattern as they are in the word. E. g. 'فَاعِل': 'عَالِم'

The vowels or Harakaat in the pattern must correspond with them in the word.