

تَثْنِيَةُ الْمَقْصُورِ

Question

Salaam alaykum,

How to make dual of a *maqSuur* noun like

مُسْتَشْفَى؟

Answer

Our Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim حَفْظُهُ اللهُ replied
(*quote*):

Dear Sister Haleemah

وعليكم السلام

The *maqSuur* noun may be either:

- A) *thulaathiyy*, (ثُلَاثِيّ) i.e., with three letters, or
- B) non-*thulaathiyy*, i.e., with more than three letters.

A) If the *thulaathiyy* is written with *alif* like,

عَصَاً .

its third radical is *waaw*.

So in *muthannaa* the third radical is changed to *waaw* :

عَصَاً → عَصَوَانَ .

And if the *thulaathiyy* is written with *yaa'* like:

فَتَّى

its third radical is *yaa'*.

So in *muthannaa* the third radical is changed to *yaa'*:

فَتَّى → فَتَيَانِ

The Glorious Qur'aan says:

وَدَخَلَ مَعَهُ السَّجْنَ فَتَيَانِ ﴿يوسف: 36﴾

B) In a non-*thulaathiyy* noun the *alif* which is written as *yaa'* is changed to *yaa'*:

مُسْتَشْفَى → مُسْتَشْفِيَانِ

pronounced: *mustashfayaani*.

مُصْطَفَى → مُصْطَفَيَانِ

pronounced: *muṣṬafayaani*.

Hope this answers your question.

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(End answer)

جزى الله شيخنا خيراً.

Admin.'s note : Forming the dual of the *maqSuur* noun is explained in our Shaykh's advanced course:

المُسْعَفُ فِي لُغَةِ إِعْرَابِ سُورَةِ يُوسُفَ (Lexical and Grammatical Exposition of *suurah Yuusuf* , pg 111).