

Q & A

When a *Nakirah* Can Be the *Mubtada'*

Question

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In Madinah Arabic Book 2, Lesson 21, we find the following sentence.

كثِيرٌ مِنَ الطُّلَّابِ لَمْ يَفْهَمُوا هَذَا

I am wondering why *mubtada* is indefinite, instead of definite (*Al-kathiiru*) and what grammatical role

مِنَ الطُّلَّابِ

is playing here?

Answer

Our Shaykh Dr. Abdur Rahim, حفظه الله replied (quote):

Dear Brother Tanweer

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In this sentence, **كثير** is a *na"t* of **من الطلاب**.

A *nakirah* can be the *mubtada'* of a sentence if it is **موصوف**, i.e., qualified by a *na"t*.

كثير in:

كثير من الطلاب لم يفهموا هذا

is like the *ayaah* (57:26)

وكثير منهم فاسقون.

Hope this is clear.

Wassalam,
abdur rahim

Admin's Note: For more explanations and cases of a *nakirah* being the *mubtada'* and commencing the *jumlah*, please see:

1. كتاب المعلم Vol 3 pg 26
2. المسعف في لغة وإعراب سورة يوسف pg 67
3. أبشر بخير يوم pg 55
4. On-line Hadiith Lesson 3