

اللغة العربية

تَصْغِيرُ «ابن»



Question

فضيلة الشيخ،

I cannot understand how the word بُنَيُّ becomes the *taṣghīr* of
ابْنُ؟

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



وعليكم السلام

The noun **ابن** is originally **بَنَوُ** on the pattern of **قَلَمٌ**.

Note that the plural of **ابن** is **أَبْنَاءٌ** like:

أَقْلَامٌ plural of **قَلَمٌ**.

أَبْنَاءٌ is originally **أَبْنَاوُ**.

So the *taṣgīr* of **بَنَوُ** is,

بُنَيَوُ,

but the *wāw* **بُنَيَوُ** is assimilated to *yā'* **بُنَيَّوُ** resulting in:

بُنَيَّوُ:

بَنَوُ → **بُنَيَوُ** → **بُنَيَّوُ**

banaw-un

bunayw-un

bunayy-un