

القرآن الكريم

وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَاسْقُونَ



(الحديد: ٢٦)

Question

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

«كَثِيرٌ مِّنَ الطُّلَابِ لَمْ يَفْهَمُوا هَذَا»

Why is the *mubtada* «كَثِيرٌ» indefinite instead of definite?

And what is the grammatical role of «مِنَ الطُّلَابِ»?

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



Dear Brother Tanweer

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In this sentence, «**كَثِيرٌ**» is a *naṣt* of «**الْطُّلَابِ**».

A *nakirah* can be the *mubtada'* of a sentence if it is موصوف, i.e., qualified by a *naṣt*.

كَثِيرٌ in:

«**كَثِيرٌ** مِنَ الْطُّلَابِ لَمْ يَفْهَمُوا هَذَا»

is like the *āyah* (57:26):

﴿وَكَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ﴾

Hope this is clear.

والسلام،

abdur rahim