

# اللغة العربية

## المَقْصُور



### Question

How do we make dual of a *maqṣūr* noun like مُسْتَشْفَى ?

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



Dear Sister Halima,

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The *maqṣūr* noun may be either:

A) *thulāthiyy*, (ثَلَاثِيّ) i.e., with three letters, or

B) non-*thulāthiyy*, i.e., with more than three letters.

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

عَصَاً،

its third radical is *wāw*.

So in *muthannā* the third radical is changed to *wāw*:

عَصَاً → عَصَوَانِ.

And if the *thulāthiyy* is written with *yā'* like:

فَتَى،

its third radical is *yā'*.

So in *muthannā* the third radical is changed to *yā'*:

فَتَّى → فَتَيَانِ

The Glorious Qur'ān says:

﴿وَدَخَلَ مَعَهُ السَّجْنَ فَتَيَانِ﴾ (يوسف: ٣٦) 

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

مُسْتَشْفَى → مُسْتَشْفِيَانِ

pronounced: *mustashfayāni*.

مُصْطَفَى → مُصْطَفِيَانِ

pronounced: *muṣṭafayāni*.

Hope this answers your question.

abdur rahim