**MEASURE II**

Measure II is formed by doubling the middle consonant of the root.

It generally has the meaning of *causing* the action of the Measure I verb, and is thus known as “Causative.” Examples:

كَتَبَ - to write

كَتَّبَ - to dictate (cause to write)

كَبَرَ - to be large

كَبَّرَ - to enlarge (to make larger)

Because of the doubled middle letter, Measure II verbs have an extra vowel in the present tense. Notice the pronunciation difference:

أَدْرُس

أُدَرِّس

The vowel pattern on Measure II verbs is always the same; listen for the initial damma at the beginning and kasra in the middle.

The past tense is has the same number of vowels. You can hear the difference in the shadda:

دَرَسْتُ

دَرَّسْتُ

**Exercise A:** Pronounce the following present tense Measure II verbs:

يُدَرِّس

نُشَكِّل

تُجَمِّل

أُنَوِّر

**MEASURE II ACTIVE and PASSIVE PARTICIPLES**

These two look very similar, except for the middle vowel. The pattern of adding a مُـ to the front of the verb is used for many other measures as well, so worth knowing. Remember, the Active Participle is the “doer” and the passive participle the state of being “done to.”\*

دَرَّسَ (to teach) - مُدَرِّس (Active Participle – teacher) مُدَرَّس (Passive Participle)

**Exercise B:**

Derive the masdars, active and passive participles of the following roots:

Passive Part. Active Part. Masdar Measure II Verb Root

شكل

درب

فكر

جدد

\* = note: not all possible patterns for a root will actually exist in usage.

**MEASURE II MASDAR**

This is one of the most distinct word forms in the language and very easy to recognize. It is also very commonly used in the media (consider the meaning, “the action of causing something to happen” and you can see why it is very common in politics). In many cases, *only* the masdar is commonly used:

تَجْميل (root ج م ل - “beautifying”)

تَنوير (root ن و ر - “enlightening”)

تَصغير (root ص غ ر - “shrinking”)

As you can see from the examples above, if you know any word related to the root, you can usually figure out what the Measure II Masdar means.