

How to use the Dictionary

You will need to identify the root of a word by recognising its form and then look up the root in the dictionary. Once you get to the entry for that root, you need to go down until you find the word you are looking for. The first paragraph of entries is the verb forms numbered in roman numerals. After that you are given nouns and participles.

Beware, the dictionary usually does not list the verbal nouns for verb forms II onwards. For example, if you come across the word **إِعْلَانٌ**, you will need to recognise this as the verbal noun of the form IV verb **أَعْلَنَ** from the root **ع ل ن**. So look up the root **ع ل ن** and then look at the entry under IV in the first paragraph. It should say:

‘to manifest, reveal, make known (— s.th.); to make public, publicize, publish, disclose, declare, announce, proclaim, promulgate (— s.th.); to state frankly (إلى — to s.o. s.th.); etc. etc.’

(Note that synonyms are separated by commas and a semicolon indicates a shift in meaning.)

From this myriad, welter, raft, barrage of meanings, you need to choose one meaning that you feel is most suitable. Don't spend too long on this. I would choose the meaning 'to announce' or 'to advertise' in this context. Stick to one meaning for each word and if you must, don't write more than two. Many meanings will just confuse you. You need to then make yourself a vocabulary list similar to the ones made for you in the level 1 chapters. I like to use an A5 size exercise book and draw a line down the middle of each page (Arabic on left and English on right). This list will be your reference for times to come.