

ADVERB OF PLACE ظرف المكان

What is an Adverb?

An **adverb** is a word that changes or qualifies the meaning of a verb. An adverb indicates manner, time, place, cause, or degree and answers questions such as "how," "when," "where," "how much". This post will discuss adverbs of place in Arabic grammar, how to use them and the word that comes after them.

What is Adverb of place?

It is an adverb that describes where the action of a verb is carried out. In Arabic, it called ظرف المكان (= *tharfu al-makan*). ظرف المكان (= *tharfu al-makan*) typically answer questions such as "where?".

Words used as adverb in Arabic

فَوْق (= *fawq*) over / above

تَحْتَ (= *taht*) under

قَرِيب (= *qareeb*) near

بَعِيد (= *ba'eed*) far

عِنْد (= *àenda*) at

دَاخِل (= *dakhel*) in / inside / into

خَارِج (= *kharej*) out of / outside / off

بَيْن (= *bayna*) between

وَسَط (= *wasat*) middle

خِلَال (= *khelal*) through

حَوْل (= *hawla*) around

أَسْفَل (= *asfal*) down

أَعْلَى (= *a'ala*) up

أَدْنَى (= *adna*) or دُونَ (= *doona*) below

عَبْر (= *àabr*) across

أَمَام (= *amam*) or قُدَام (= *quddam*) in front of / opposite

خَلْف (= *khalfa*) or وَرَاء (= *wara'a*) behind

مُقَابِل (= *muqabil*) against / opposite

مُعَاكِس (= *muàakes*) opposite

يَمِين (= *yameen*) right

يَسَار (= *yasar*) left

شَمَال (= *shamal*) north

جَنُوب (= *janoob*) south

شَرْق (= *sharq*) east

غَرْب (= *garb*) west

أَنَّى (= *anna*) wherever

حَيْث (= *haythu*) where "the one that is used as a relative pronoun, not as a question"



Let's have a look to this picture:

The English words inside gray squares are considered adverbs of place, but the Arabic words, even though they indicate places, are considered as حرف جر (= *harf jar*: preposition), على - في - من - إلى - ب, which are treated in different way.



Arabic Tips:

* هنا (= *huna*: here) and هناك (= *hunak*: there) are أسماء إشارة (= *asma'a esharah*: demonstrative pronouns) even they indicate place, but they aren't adverb of place.

* The noun after adverb of place in Arabic always is identified with article "الـ".

Example: الكُرَةُ خَلْفَ الصَّنْدُوقِ.

الـ comes identified with article الـ (= *al-*: the)

لا تُؤَجِّلْ عمل اليوم إلى الغد



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Worksheet:

This is a worksheet to learn adverbs in Arabic grammar.

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- تَجْلِسُ سَمْرٌ عَلَى الكُرْسِيِّ .
- يَجْلِسُ أَحْمَدُ أَمَامَ عَسَّانَ وَبِجَانِبِ سَمْرٍ .
- الْحَقِيبَةُ خَلْفَ الكُرْسِيِّ الَّتِي يَجْلِسُ عَلَيْهَا عَسَّانُ .
- الأُورَاقُ فَوْقَ الطَّائِلَةِ .
- سَلَّةُ القُمَّامَةِ تَحْتَ الطَّائِلَةِ .
- بَعْضُ الأُورَاقِ دَاخِلَ سَلَّةِ القُمَّامَةِ .

دَاخِلَ	تَحْتَ	فَوْقَ	خَلْفَ	أَمَامَ	عَلَى
inside	under	above	behind	in front of	on

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