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Summary

Arabic Grammar (Nahw)

Lesson 83: Coordination (عطف النسق)

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Al-Fā' (The Fa'): Its meaning is the sequential connection between the conjoined word and the one it is conjoined to, without any delay. At times, it can also imply a causal meaning.

Thumma (Then): Its meaning is a sequential connection with a delay.

Hattā (Until): Its meaning is a terminal connection. Its conjoined word has three specific characteristics:

1. It must be an explicit noun, not a pronoun and not a sentence.
2. It must be a part of, a portion of, or like a portion of what precedes it.
3. It serves as the endpoint for what comes before it, whether in terms of increase or decrease.



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Aw (Or): Its meaning is that the ruling applies to one of the two (or more) conjoined elements.

It is used in several contexts, including:

1. **Doubt:** When the speaker is uncertain about which of the conjoined elements the ruling applies to.
2. **Ambiguity:** When the speaker knows how the ruling applies but intends to be ambiguous to the listener.
3. **Choice:** When the speaker intends for the listener to choose only one of the conjoined elements, and it is conventionally, legally, or logically impermissible to combine them.