

We have seen that the chopper word drops ن of these five verbs. Such verbs are called اَفْعَالُ خَمْسَةَ (the five verbs). They are classified in this way for us to remember the above change. Note again that the five verbs are: يَفْعَلَانِ، يَفْعَلُونَ تَفْعَلَانِ، تَفْعَلُونَ، تَفْعَلِينَ.

There are five nouns (اَسْمَاءُ خَمْسَةَ) that are very special in Arabic. They are:

أَبُو، حَمُو، أَخُو، فُو، ذُو

The special thing about them is the way they change their forms in the three states of جَر، نَصْب، رَفْع. Let us practice these states for each of the five nouns with TPI. The top row gives their meanings.

owner	mouth	brother	father-in-law	father
ذُو	فُو	أَخُو	حَمُو	أَبُو
ذَا	فَا	أَخَا	حَمَا	أَبَا
ذِي	فِي	أَخِي	حَمِي	أَبِي



Three states of جَر، نَصْب، رَفْع for five nouns (اَسْمَاءُ خَمْسَةَ)

أَخُو زَيْدٍ Brother of Zaid	حَمُو زَيْدٍ Father-in-law of Zaid	أَبُو زَيْدٍ Father of Zaid
هَذَا أَخُو زَيْدٍ	هَذَا حَمُو زَيْدٍ	هَذَا أَبُو زَيْدٍ
رَأَيْتُ أَخَا زَيْدٍ	رَأَيْتُ حَمَا زَيْدٍ	رَأَيْتُ أَبَا زَيْدٍ
سَمِعْتُ مِنْ أَخِي زَيْدٍ	سَمِعْتُ مِنْ حَمِي زَيْدٍ	سَمِعْتُ مِنْ أَبِي زَيْدٍ

ذُو الْجَلَالِ Owner of Majesty	فُو Mouth
اللَّهُ ذُو الْجَلَالِ	هَذَا فُو زَيْدٍ
دَعَوْتُ ذَا الْجَلَالِ	رَأَيْتُ فَا زَيْدٍ
أَعُوذُ بِذِي الْجَلَالِ	الْحَلْوَةُ فِي فِي زَيْدٍ

➤ Examples from the Qur'an - أُو

وَأَبُونَا شَيْخٌ كَبِيرٌ

← أُو

and our father is an old man

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ

← أبا

Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men

تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ

← أَبِي

May the hands of Abu Lahab be ruined, and ruined is he

➤ Examples from the Quran - أُخُو

قَالَ إِنِّي أَنَا أَخُوكَ

← أُخُو

He said, Indeed, I am your brother

ثُمَّ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ وَأَخَاهُ هَارُونَ بِآيَاتِنَا

← أَخا

Then We sent Moses and his brother Aaron with Our signs

وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ وَأَخِيهِ

← أَخِي

And We inspired to Moses and his brother

➤ Examples from the Quran - فُو

كَبَّاسِطٍ كَفَّيْهِ إِلَى الْمَاءِ لِيَبْلُغَ فَاهُ

← فَا

like the one who stretches his hands toward water [from afar, calling it] to reach his mouth

➤ Examples from the Quran – دُو

وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

← دُو

And Allah is the possessor of great bounty

قَالُوا يَا قَرْنَيْنِ

← ذَا

They said: O Dhul-Qarnayn

وَالْقُرْآنِ ذِي الذِّكْرِ

← ذِي

By the Qur'an containing reminder