

Conjunction compound

: Literal meaning of A'taf:_From the root Ain Ta Fa, AlA'taf means to incline, to attach.

<u>Linguistic meaning of Murakkab A'tafi:</u>

It is a Murakkab Naaqis consisting of two Asmaa (nouns) and one Herf (particle). As in this Murakkab a Herf A'taf مُرَكَّب عَطِفي is used between two Asmaa (nouns), it is called Murakkab A'tafi.

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The rules of Murakkab A'tafi

In Arabic language there are Nine particles called Huroof AlAatifah (connecting particles, conjunctions).

Murakkab A'tafi comprises of three words.

- عَليه Ma'tuf Alaihi: The first noun is called Ma'tuf Alaihi (to which inclined/attached)
- خوف عَطَفٌ : Herf A'Taf: The connecting word.
- مَعْطُوفٌ Ma'tuf: The second noun which occurs after Herf A'taf is called Ma'tuf (which inclines).

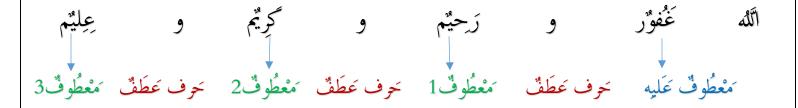
- Huroof A'atifah are Ghair A'amilah (non-causative), i.e. they do not cause any change in Ea'raab of the word following them.
- Though Huroof A'atifah themselves have no effect on the word following them, but they carry Ea'raab and Hukum (precept) of Ma'tuf Alaihi معطوف عكيه to Ma'tuf
- They connect the words following them to the ones preceding them. That is why they are called Huroof A'atifah خوف عَطَف.

<u>Following in Ea'raab:</u> If in the sentence Ma'tuf Alaihi is Marfua' or Mansoob or Majorroor then Ma'tuf will also be Marfua' or Mansoob or Majroor. It means Ma'tuf will follow Ma'tuf Alaihi in Ea'raab through Herf A'taf.

<u>Following in Hukum:</u> It means the status, the position which Ma'tuf Alaihi has in the sentence, Ma'tuf will have the same position. i.e. if Ma'tuf Alaihi is Mubtada, Khabar, Sifat, Ism Majro or Mudhaaf etc.

Then second Ism after Herf A'taf, 'Ma'tuf will have the same position. It will be given the name Ma'tuf.

- Ma'tuf Alaihi مَعْطُوفٌ always occurs before Herf A'taf مَعْطُوفٌ عَليه and Ma'tuf مَعْطُوفٌ عَليه after it.
- Ma'tuf Alaihi is always one and Ma'tuf can be many.



The cases of Ma'tuf and Ma'tuf Alaihi

→ A'taf can come to join/connect two or more words or phrases or sentences.

• <u>Case 1</u>: Both (Ma'tuf and Ma'tuf Alaihi) مَعْطُوفٌ مَعْطُوفٌ عَليه can be different two words, here A'taf has come to join two individual Isms (nouns).

Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life.

And remember Abraham and Isma'il raised the foundations of the House.

• <u>Case 2:</u> Both (Ma'tuf and Ma'tuf Alaihi) مُعْطُوفٌ مَعْطُوفٌ مَعْطُوفٌ عَليه can be Jumlah Ismiyah (nominal sentence). Here A'taf has come to join two Jumlah Ismiyah's.

They are on (true) guidance from their Lord, and they are the successful.

Both (Ma'tuf and Ma'tuf Alaihi)معُطُوفٌ عَليه can be Jumlah Fa'iliyah (verbal sentence). Here A'taf has come to join two Jumlah Fa'iliyah's.

And if you believe and fear Allah, He will give you your rewards

Note: Finding the correct Ma'tuf Alaihi is also very important for it will impact the Ea'raab and the meaning of the sentence.

Let's try to find the Ma'tuf and Ma'tuf Alaihi in the following verses:

And [recall] when We gave Moses the Scripture and criterion that perhaps you would be guided.

They say, "Allah has taken a son." Exalted is He! Rather, to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. All are devoutly obedient to Him,

Do you not know that to Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and [that] you have not besides Allah any protector or any helper?

And Abraham instructed his sons [to do the same] and [so did] Jacob, [saying], "O my sons, indeed Allah has chosen for you this religion, so do not die except while you are Muslims."

And of the people are some who say, "We believe in Allah and the Last Day," but they are not believers

They [think to] deceive Allah and those who believe, but they deceive not except themselves and perceive [it] not.

O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous