**Lesson 1**

The base form is the most basic form of a verb, free of any prefixes or suffixes.

In both Arabic and English, the base form is the form of a verb listed in dictionary entries. In English, this is the infinitive (be, go, have, etc…).

In Arabic, the base form is the third-person masculine singular (howwe) of the perfect tense. So, although the verb “ra7”, for example, might literally mean ‘he went’ in a sentence, when cited in isolation, its translation would be *‘go’* or ‘*to go*’, the infinitive.