### Verb Tables

**Some directions for use**

In this dictionary, each verb is given in its two basic forms: **fāt** [ifūt] - *he entered* [he enters / will enter] – i.e., in the 3rd person masculine singular of the past tense and the 3rd person masculine singular of the imperfect tense (without b-*).

Throughout the dictionary, these forms are followed by abbreviations such as v-1a, v-2, v-7o, v-33, etc., which direct the user to the different verb patterns in the following Tables.

#### Past tense

In the past tense of all verbs, the third person – *he, she, they* (whether masculine or feminine, singular or plural) – has a shared form which is different from the form of the 1st and 2nd persons:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>v-1</th>
<th>v-2</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>he</td>
<td>katab</td>
<td>katab-t</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>she</td>
<td>katbat</td>
<td>we</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>they</td>
<td>katabu</td>
<td>you (pl)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>he</td>
<td>nizel</td>
<td>I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>she</td>
<td>nizlat</td>
<td>we</td>
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<tr>
<td>they</td>
<td>nizlu</td>
<td>you</td>
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Note that in v-1 and v-2, above, the stress falls:
- On the first syllable in the 3rd person
- On the syllable before the endings (-t, -na, -tu) in the 1st and 2nd person.

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>v-3</th>
<th>v-5</th>
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<tr>
<td>he</td>
<td>rama</td>
<td>I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>she</td>
<td>ramat</td>
<td>we</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>they</td>
<td>ramu</td>
<td>you</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>he</td>
<td>šāf</td>
<td>I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>she</td>
<td>šafat</td>
<td>we</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>they</td>
<td>šafu</td>
<td>you</td>
</tr>
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Note that in all verbs you will find similar differences between the 3rd person and the other two persons.