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89. What is a cognate accusative?

A cognate accusative is an infinitive mentioned after a verb from the same root as the verb for:

- emphasis: قَتَلَ الحارسُ اللَّص قتلاً (The guard killed the thief, a killing.)
- explanation of the type: اصبر صبراً جميلاً (Be patient, a beautiful patience.)
- explanation of number: دَقَّتَ الساعَةُ دقَّتين (The watch ticked twice.)
- 90. What word can take the place of a cognate accusative if it is used for emphasis? If the cognate accusative is used for emphasis it can be replaced by a synonym. For example: قُمتُ وُقُوفاً (I stood up, a standing.)
- 91. What words can take the place of a cognate accusative if it is used for explanation? If the cognate accusative is used for explanation it can be replaced by:
- an adjective: أُذكروا اللهَ كثيراً (Remember Allah a lot.)
- the words كل or بعض: مال كلُّ الميلِ (He inclined a full inclination.)
- demonstrative pronouns: قالَ ذلكَ القولَ (He said those words.)
- numbers: جُلِدَ السارِقُ عَشْرَ جَلَداتِ (The thief was whipped ten whips.)
- tools: ضَرَبَتُهُ سَوطاً (I hit him, whipping.)

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