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Specificative

118. What is a specificative?
A specificative is a noun in the accusative state which explains the goal of an unclear word that comes before it. For example: إشتريتُ رَطلاً زيتاً (I bought a bucket of oil.)

119. How many types of specificatives are there?
There are two types of specificatives:
● essential specificatives, which clear up an unclear noun, for example: إشتريتُ رَطلاً عسلاً (I bought a bucket of honey.)

● relative specificatves, which clear up an unclear sentence, for example: طابَ التلميذُ نفساً (The student was clean, himself.)

120. How many types of words precede a specificative in the accusative state?
The words that precede a specificative in the accusative state are:
● words that denote weight, اشتريتُ رطلاً سمناً (I bought a bucket of lard.)

● words that denote volume or weight of grains, اشتريتُ مُدّاً قَمحاً (I bought a *mudd*[1] of wheat.)

● Words that denote area, اشتريتُ ذراعاً أرضاً (I bought a *dhir*ʿ15 of land.)

● Numbers from 11 to 99, اشتريتُ عشرين كتاباً (I bought 20 books.)

121. Is it permissible for a specificative to be in a state other than the accusative state?
It is permissible to put the specificative of a weight, volume, or area:
● in the genitive case as a compliment to a prefixed noun, اشتريتُ رطلَ سمنٍ (I bought a bucket of lard.)

● in the genitive case with the preposition *min*, اشتريتُ رطلاً مِن سمنٍ (I bought a bucket of lard.)

1. An ancient form of measurement.

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