Today, we’re going to move on from studying the four properties of the ism to see how isms come together with other isms and form phrases. A phrase is more than two words. There are two kinds of phrases in Arabic: sentences and fragments. Sentences are complete ideas. When I say, ‘I am a teacher,’ I’m communicating a full idea, so this would be called a sentence. ‘My marker,’ on the other hand, doesn’t convey a complete thought. It’s more than a word, but less than a sentence—which is what we call a fragment. Before I teach you sentences, I’m going to teach you five different fragments, the first of which is called Idhafah. إضافة

The definition of an Idhafah is: __________ of __________. Here are some Idhafahs we listed out in class:

- The house of Allah SWT
- The name of a friend
- The car of the teacher

There are other ways an Idhafah can present itself, but you can rearrange it so that you see the ‘of’ again:

- His car → car of his
- Your house → house of yours
- The people’s book → book of the people

The Idhafah is always made up of two parts: the part before the ‘of’, the مضاف, and the part after the ‘of’, the مضاف إليه، for example:

- The house of Allah SWT

مضاف إليه مضاف
EXERCISES:

Find the مضاف (M), the part before ‘of,’ and the مضاف إليه (MI), the part after ‘of,’ in each of the following phrases:

1. The Night of Power
2. The Messenger of Allah
3. The Creator of the Universe
4. Their happiness
5. His fate
6. Sons of Isra’el
7. The life of this world
8. Ibraheem A’s nation
9. The establisher of prayer
10. The reward of the life of the hereafter
11. The people of the book
12. Our signs
13. The teacher’s book
14. The nation of ‘Aad
15. Their hands
16. Your Master
17. His Permission
18. The Promise of Allah
19. Musa’s mother’s heart
20. Their prayer
**ANSWER KEY:**

1. M = night; MI = power
2. M = messenger; MI = Allah
3. M = The Creator; MI = the Universe
4. M = happiness; MI = their
5. M = fate; MI = his
6. M = sons; MI = Isra’el
7. M = the life; MI = this world
8. M = nation; MI = Ibraheem A
9. M = the establisher; MI = prayer
10. M = the reward; MI = the life
    M = the life; MI = the hereafter
11. M = the people; MI = the book
12. M = signs; MI = our
13. M = book; MI = the teacher
14. M = nation; MI = ‘Aad
15. M = hands; MI = their
16. M = Master; MI = Your
17. M = Permission; MI = His
18. M = Promise; MI = Allah
19. M = heart; MI = mother
    M = mother; MI = Musa
20. M = prayer; MI = their