Okay, there’s one last little bit about مضاف إلـى and مضاف إليه that you have to know. Here is a list of words we went over today in class:

- Behind, After, Before, Below, Above
- With, Has, with, nearby, Besides, other than, Without, non
- Around, Between
- All of, Some of, Which, Especially from

All of these are isms. Remember the definition of an ism is a person, place, thing, adjective, adverb, and more. Is ‘above’ a person? No. A place? No. A thing? No. An adjective? No. An adverb? More? Maybe. Some words can’t be put under person, place, etc., so this is the ‘more’ list. I like to call these words special مضاف’s. Here’s why:

1. Notice that I made all of them light without الـ. That’s because whenever you use them in Arabic, they’re usually playing the role of a مضاف، so there’s no point in making them heavy to begin with, even though it’s not impossible to make them heavy. A lot of times, you have to look and see if the first word is light, no الـ and the second word is Jarr to see if you have a مضاف and مضاف إليه going on. Since these guys come as مضاف إليه anyway, I can automatically spot a مضاف إليه and مضاف إليه without having to think about it.

2. Why am I calling them ‘special’ مضاف’s? Well, when we translate Idhafah, the word ‘of’ usually goes between the the مضاف إليه مضاف إليه (كُرِيمٌ means ‘chair’), that means ‘under the chair,’ not ‘under of the chair.’ In other words, when you try to
figure out the meaning, even though it’s an مضاف إليه مضاف, you don’t necessarily need an ‘of.’

3. Lastly: I made some of them Nasb, and some of them Raf,’ It’s not a rule or anything, but when you’re reading Quran, you’ll find that they happen to be Nasb. That’s only because they happen to be details most of the time. ‘I was sitting.’ Where? ‘On top of the chair.’ ‘On’ gives me details about where I was sitting. That’s why I’d find it Nasb. You can find them as Raf’, and even Jarr sometimes, but normally, you’ll find them as Nasb.

I’m not making you memorize these words, but you are expected to know them.
**EXERCISES:**

Fill in the blanks with the correct meanings:

|_________ the right/justification/truth/evidence | 1. مَعْلُومَة 2. رَأْيَة 3. مَعْلُومَة 4. قَبْلَت 5. مَعْلُومَة |
|_________ all of you | 6. أَهْلُنَا |
|_________ them | 7. أَهْلُهُم |
|_________ two sisters | 8. أَهْلُ الْأَخْتَيِن |
|_________ us | 9. أَهْلُنَا |
|_________ the obligation | 10. تَعْدَ الْفِرْضَة |
|_________ that | 11. مُوَّهَّبَكِ |
|You _________ | 12. عَبْدَال |
|_________ her/it | 13. مَوْقِفَهَا |
|_________ the tree | 14. تحت الشَّجَرَة |
|_________ both of them | 15. يَتَبَيَّنُهُمَا |
ANSWER KEY:

1. Without
2. Behind
3. Behind
4. Before
5. Some of
6. Between
7. Which
8. Between
9. Especially from
10. After
11. Other than
12. Have
13. Above
14. Under
15. Between