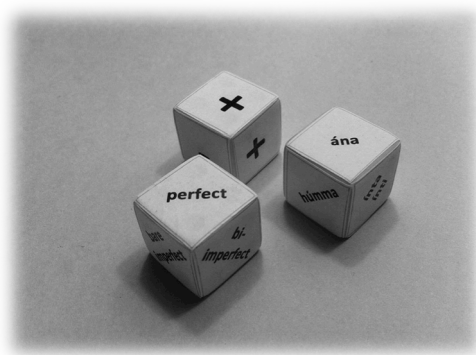


Dice and Grid Drills

In order to master conjugation, you need to do extensive drills, preferably oral, not written, until it becomes second nature, that is, until you can produce the correct conjugation without hesitation. To do this, you'll need a "random verb form generator". There are two methods of randomly generating verb forms. The first is the dice method. You will need three (or four) standard dice. Use blank stickers to label each side of the dice or simply print the next page onto sticker paper.



Once the dice are ready, make a short list of the verbs you would like to practice. You can use the verb indexes starting on p. 116. You could even make flash cards with the ECA verb written on one side, and the English translation written on the other side, and then shuffle the cards in random order. To start the drill, choose a verb and then roll the first three dice.

It is best to make the conjugation an oral drill, but you can also write the verb form on paper if you'd prefer. If you are not sure of your conjugation, check its corresponding verb table.

katábt

For example, you want to practice conjugating the verb **kátab**. The roll of the dice tells you to conjugate the **positive perfect** form for **ána**. You say **katábt**.

After conjugating the verb, you can reroll one die to practice the conjugation with another person or tense. Alternatively, you could reroll all three dice and/or move on to another card. The key is mix it up and keep yourself on your toes.

The fourth die is used together with the second die for conjugating imperative forms in the positive and negative. The fourth die is used alone to practice conjugating either active or passive participles.

The second method is to use a grid as a substitute for dice. Several grids with different focuses are in Appendix B of in the back of *this* book. (Printable PDF versions are also available at www.lingualism.com/ecaverbs) Hold a pen or pencil in hand, look away from the grid, and touch down with the pen(cil) tip somewhere randomly on the grid.



Example: **rāḥ** to go

In the example, the pen tip has landed on **ínta bi-imperfect**. You say:

bitrūḥ

<i>die 1: persons</i>	ána	ifna intu	inta inti	húwwa	hiyya	húmma
<i>die 2: positive/ negative</i>	+	+	+	-	-	-
<i>die 3: tenses</i>	perfect	bare imperfect	bi- imperfect	future	perfect	bi- imperfect
<i>die 4: imperative and participles</i>	masc.	masc.	fem.	fem.	plural	plural

Persons and Positive/Negative: Use this grid if you want to practice one certain tense.

húwwa +	húwwa -	híyya +	ínta -	íntu +	íḥna -	ínti +	húmma -	íḥna +	ínti -	ínta +	ána -
ínti +	íḥna +	ínti +	húmma +	íḥna +	ána +	híyya -	ána -	íntu -	íḥna -	híyya +	húmma -
ínta -	húwwa +	ána -	íntu +	húmma +	húwwa -	íntu -	ínti -	húmma -	ínta +	ána +	íḥna +
íḥna -	íntu +	íntu -	húwwa +	híyya -	ínta -	ínti +	ána -	húwwa -	ínti -	ínta +	híyya +
ínti -	húmma +	ínta -	íntu +	ána +	húmma -	húwwa +	íḥna +	híyya -	ínta +	húwwa -	ínti +
ínta -	íntu -	híyya +	ínta +	híyya -	húwwa +	húmma +	ána -	íḥna -	híyya +	íntu +	ána +
húmma -	íntu -	ána -	ínti -	húwwa -	híyya -	ána +	ána -	húwwa +	húmma +	híyya +	ínti +
íntu -	ínta -	íḥna +	húwwa -	híyya -	ána -	húmma -	ána +	íḥna -	íntu +	ínta +	húmma +
húwwa +	ínti -	húmma -	íntu -	ínti +	íḥna +	húmma +	ínta -	híyya +	íntu +	ínta +	íḥna -
íḥna +	híyya -	íntu -	ínta -	húwwa -	húwwa +	ána -	híyya +	íḥna -	ínti -	ínti +	húmma -

Persons and Tense: Use this grid if you want to practice either positive or negative forms of all tenses: perfect, (bare) imperfect, bi-imperfect, and future.

húwwa perfect	húwwa imp.	híyya perfect	ínta bi-imp.	íntu perfect	íḥna perfect	ínti bi-imp.	húmma perfect	íḥna imp.	ínti perfect	ínta perfect	ána perfect
ínti future	íḥna future	ínti bi-imp.	húmma imp.	íḥna bi-imp.	ána bi-imp.	híyya future	ána imp.	íntu perfect	íḥna bi-imp.	híyya perfect	húmma imp.
ínta bi-imp.	húwwa bi-imp.	ána imp.	íntu future	húmma perfect	húwwa perfect	íntu perfect	ínti bi-imp.	húmma bi-imp.	ínta imp.	ána perfect	íḥna bi-imp.
íḥna perfect	íntu imp.	íntu perfect	húwwa imp.	híyya bi-imp.	ínta perfect	ínti perfect	ána future	húwwa bi-imp.	ínti perfect	ínta perfect	híyya imp.
ínti bi-imp.	húmma future	ínta perfect	íntu bi-imp.	ána bi-imp.	húmma bi-imp.	húwwa bi-imp.	íḥna future	híyya perfect	ínta bi-imp.	húwwa bi-imp.	ínti perfect
ínta future	íntu bi-imp.	híyya bi-imp.	ínta bi-imp.	híyya perfect	húwwa future	húmma perfect	ána perfect	íḥna perfect	híyya bi-imp.	íntu bi-imp.	ána future
húmma bi-imp.	íntu bi-imp.	ána perfect	ínti imp.	húwwa future	híyya bi-imp.	ána imp.	ána bi-imp.	húwwa perfect	húmma future	híyya imp.	ínti perfect
íntu imp.	ínta imp.	íḥna perfect	húwwa imp.	híyya imp.	ána bi-imp.	húmma bi-imp.	ána bi-imp.	íḥna imp.	íntu bi-imp.	ínta imp.	húmma perfect
húwwa perfect	ínti perfect	húmma perfect	íntu perfect	ínti bi-imp.	íḥna bi-imp.	húmma imp.	ínta perfect	híyya perfect	íntu perfect	ínta bi-imp.	íḥna perfect
íḥna imp.	híyya bi-imp.	íntu imp.	ínta bi-imp.	húwwa bi-imp.	húwwa perfect	ána perfect	híyya future	íḥna bi-imp.	ínti imp.	ínti imp.	húmma bi-imp.

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Imperatives: Use this grid if you want to practice positive and negative imperative forms.

ínta	íntu	ínti	ínta	íntu	ínti
+	+	+	-	+	-
ínti	ínta	íntu	ínti	ínta	ínti
-	+	+	-	-	+
íntu	íntu	ínta	ínta	ínti	ínta
+	-	+	-	+	+
íntu	ínta	ínti	ínta	ínti	íntu
-	-	+	+	-	-
íntu	íntu	ínta	ínta	ínti	ínti
+	+	-	+	-	+
íntu	ínti	ínti	ínta	ínta	ínta
-	+	-	-	+	+
ínti	íntu	ínti	ínta	íntu	íntu
-	-	+	-	+	-
íntu	ínta	ínti	ínti	íntu	íntu
+	-	-	+	-	-
íntu	íntu	ínta	ínti	ínti	ínta
-	+	-	-	+	+
ínta	íntu	ínta	ínti	ínti	íntu
-	-	+	+	-	+

Participles: Use this grid to practice the active and passive participles. Note that intransitive verbs (i.e. verbs which do not take an object) generally do not have passive participle forms.

passive masc.	passive plural	passive masc.	active fem.	passive masc.	active masc.	active fem.	passive masc.	active plural	active masc.	active masc.	active masc.
active plural	active plural	active fem.	passive plural	active fem.	active fem.	passive plural	active plural	passive masc.	active fem.	passive masc.	passive plural
active fem.	passive fem.	active plural	passive plural	passive masc.	passive masc.	passive masc.	active fem.	passive fem.	active plural	active masc.	active fem.
active masc.	passive plural	passive masc.	passive plural	passive fem.	active masc.	active masc.	active plural	passive fem.	active masc.	active masc.	passive plural
active fem.	passive plural	active masc.	passive fem.	active fem.	passive fem.	passive fem.	active plural	passive masc.	active fem.	passive fem.	active masc.
active plural	passive fem.	passive fem.	active fem.	passive masc.	passive plural	passive masc.	active masc.	active masc.	passive fem.	passive fem.	active plural
passive fem.	passive fem.	active masc.	active plural	passive plural	passive fem.	active plural	active fem.	passive masc.	passive plural	passive plural	active masc.
passive plural	active plural	active masc.	passive plural	passive plural	active fem.	passive fem.	active fem.	active plural	passive fem.	active plural	passive masc.
passive masc.	active masc.	passive masc.	passive masc.	active fem.	active fem.	passive plural	active masc.	passive masc.	passive masc.	active fem.	active masc.
active plural	passive fem.	passive plural	active fem.	passive fem.	passive masc.	active masc.	passive plural	active fem.	active plural	active plural	passive fem.

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