

### **The Intensive Adjective (صيغة المبالغة)**

The (صيغة المبالغة) is a noun that indicates excess in meaning of the verbal noun e.g. (ضَرَّابٌ) – one who hits a lot. The difference between (صيغة المبالغة) and (اسم التفضيل) is that in (صيغة المبالغة), the excess meaning is limited to itself without taking others into consideration whereas in the (اسم التفضيل), the excess in meaning is in comparison to others. Hence (أَضْرَبُ مِنْ مُحَمَّدٍ) or (أَضْرَبُ الْقَوْمِ) is in comparison to others while (ضَرَّابٌ) is not in comparison to anyone.

In the (صيغة المبالغة), there is no difference in gender. Sometimes a (ة) is added for excess in meaning, e.g. (رَجُلٌ عَلَّامَةٌ) – a very learned man, (امْرَأَةٌ عَلَّامَةٌ) - a very learned woman.

When (فَعِيلٌ) is in the meaning of (فَاعِلٌ), or (فَعُولٌ) is in the meaning of (مَفْعُولٌ), a differentiation is made between the masculine and feminine forms. Examples:

(هِيَ عَلِيمَةٌ), (هُوَ عَلِيمٌ)  
(نَاقَةٌ حَمُولَةٌ), (جَمَلٌ حَمُولٌ).

The following scales are the ones most frequently used for

(صيغة المبالغة):

Scale	Example	Meaning
فَعَلٌ	حَذِرٌ	very cautious
فَعِيلٌ	عَلِيمٌ	very knowledgeable
فَعُولٌ	أَكُولٌ	big eater
فَعَّالٌ	سَفَّالٌ	shedder of blood
فُعَّالٌ	كُبَّارٌ	very great
فَعِيلٌ	صَدِيقٌ	very truthful
مَفْعَلٌ	مَجْزَمٌ	one who cuts a lot
مَفْعَالٌ	مِنْعَامٌ	one who awards many prizes
مَفْعِيلٌ	مَنْطِيقٌ	chatterbox
فَعَّالٌ	عُجَابٌ	very strange
فَاعُولٌ	فَارُوقٌ	very decisive
فُعْلَةٌ	ضُحْكَةٌ	one who habitually laughs
فَعُولٌ	قَيُومٌ	eternal
فَعُولٌ	قُدُّوسٌ	most holy
فَعَّلٌ	قَلْبٌ	very agile

