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### Abstract

#### **Vowel deletion after imperative 'la:m' and after 'ha:' in the independent personal pronouns [huwa] 'he' and [hija] 'she': a phonological syntactic study**

The imperative [la:m] and [ha:] in the independent personal pronouns [huwa] and [hija] are initial particles, that is they are positioned word initially. And since Arabic does not allow consonant clusters word initially, these two particles are followed by a vowel. But the researcher on the imperative [la:m] in the Holy Quran when it is preceded by the conjunctions [wa:w] 'and', [fa:] 'then', and [θamma] 'then, thereupon' finds that the vowel is deleted in this case, and the deletion is obligatory or semi obligatory. The same is attested in several Quranic recitals and in poetry when [ha:] in [huwa] and [hija] is preceded by the conjunctions [wa:w], [fa:] and [θamma], the interrogative [hamzah] 'glottal stop', the initial [la:m] and the preposition [ka:f] 'as, like'. Therefore, this study aims at finding the syntactic and phonological explanation for the vowel reduction occurring in these cases.

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