

LESSON 19

In this lesson we learn the following:

1) We have learnt that the negative particle used with the *mâdi* is مَا , and that used with the *mudâri* ' is لَا , e.g.:

مَا دَرَسْتُ اللُّغَةَ الإسْبَانِيَّةَ 'I did not study Spanish.'

لَا أَعْرِفُ رَقْمَ هَاتِفِهِ 'I don't know his telephone number.'

Now we learn that the negative particle used with the future tense is لَنْ . This particle is like أَنْ , and so the *mudâri* ' following it is *mansûb*, e.g.:

سَأَذْهَبُ إِلَى الرِّيَاضِ غَدًا 'I'll go to Riyadh tomorrow.'

لَنْ أَذْهَبَ إِلَى الرِّيَاضِ غَدًا 'I will not go to Riyadh tomorrow.'

Note that when لَنْ is used the particle of futurity (سَدَ) is omitted.

As with أَنْ the *nûn* is omitted from تَذْهَبِينَ , تَذْهَبُونَ , and يَذْهَبُونَ when لَنْ is used with these forms. The two forms يَذْهَبِينَ and تَذْهَبِينَ remain unchanged e.g.:

يَا آمِنَةُ ! أَلَنْ تَذْهَبِي إِلَى الطَّائِفِ فِي عُطْلَةِ الصَّيْفِ؟
'O Aminah, will you not go to Taif during the summer holidays?'

يَا أَخَوَاتُ ! أَلَنْ تَدْرُسْنَ اللُّغَةَ التُّرْكِيَّةَ فِي الْعَامِ الْمُقْبِلِ؟
'O sisters, will you not study Turkish next year?'

لَنْ أَشْرَبَ الخَمْرَ أَبَدًا 2) 'I will never drink wine.'

The word أَبَدًا is used to emphasise a negative verb in the future.

Here are some more examples:

لَنْ أَكْتُبَ إِلَيْهِ أَبَدًا 'I will never write to him.'

إِنَّ لُغَتَكَ صَعْبَةٌ جَدًّا . لَنْ أَذْرُسَهَا أَبَدًا 'Your language is very difficult. I will never study it.'

To emphasise a negative verb in the past قَطُّ is used, e.g.: مَا رَأَيْتُهُ قَطُّ 'I never saw him.' (See Lesson 29).

✍ Exercises

1. Answer the following questions.
2. Correct the following statements.
3. Answer t