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Jana-gana-mana adhinayaka, jaya he
Bharatha-bhagya-vidhata.
Punjab-Sindh-Gujarat-Maratha
Dravida-Utkala-Banga
Vindhya-Himachala-Yamuna-Ganga
Uchchala-Jaladhi-taranga
Tava subha name jage,
Tava subha asisa mage,
Gahe tava jaya gatha.

Jana-gana-mangala-dayaka jaya he
Bharatha-bhagya-vidhata.
Jaya he, jaya he, jaya he,
Jaya jaya jaya, jaya he!

PLEDGE

India is my country. All Indians are my brothers and sisters.

I love my country, and I am proud of its rich and varied heritage. I shall always strive to be worthy of it.

I shall give my parents, teachers and all elders respect, and treat everyone with courtesy.

To my country and my people, I pledge my devotion. In their well-being and prosperity alone lies my happiness.

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Foreword

Syriac is one of the oldest languages in the world. It belongs to the Semitic family of languages. It is used as a literary language, official liturgical language and as a language of communication in some places up to the present day. The study of Syriac language was kept alive in Kerala along with Sanskrit and Arabic over the centuries and is being taught as one of the languages in our universities. The widely used Syriac loan words in Malayalam are clear evidence of its influence in Kerala culture, religion and language. Here is an exciting journey in to the classical language whose treasures are awaiting to be explored.

The study of Syriac is intended to inculcate interest in students to understand the great classics of Syriac literature and to translate them in to modern languages and to enable the student to communicate functionally. Syriac Textbook for Standard XI aims at to enrich the learner's vocabulary, grammatical competency and communicative ability through various interesting and familiar situations. The Text is designed according to the learner centered, activity based and process oriented curriculum. Each lesson has a theme, a discourse, activities, grammatical knowledge to be achieved, language ability and skills to be acquired

Hope the students will make best use of this book in enriching their competency in Syriac

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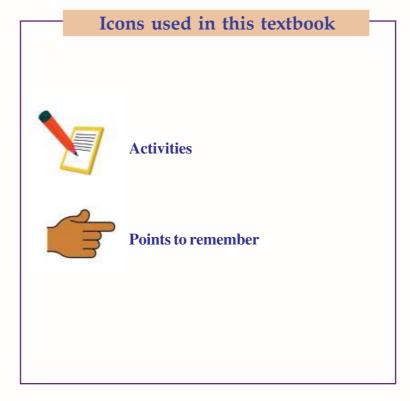
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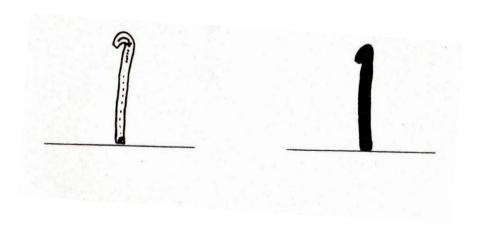
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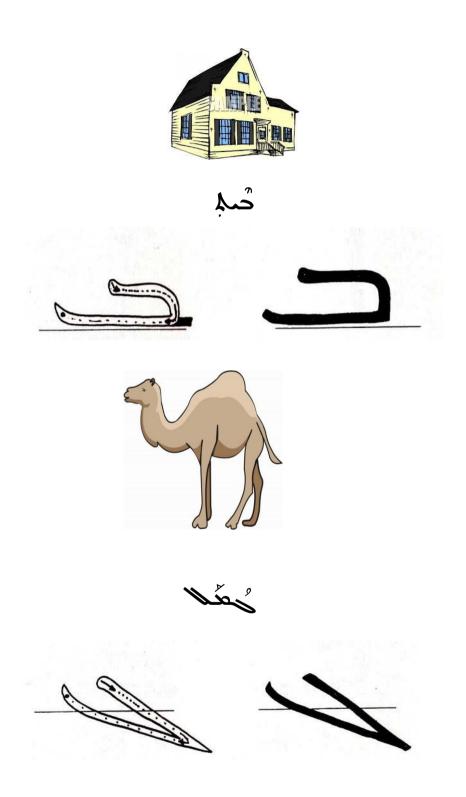
Lesson 1

کُو دُملِ کُمُلا وُکلِ اوْلُ وَاهُ اَلَ اَسْلِ اَلْهَا عُودِ دُوهِ کُمُّ ِ مُعمِ ثَه) هُمکُلِ کُل قُلُ زُوْلُ مُوهِ زُمِهِ مُنْعِ أَاهُ

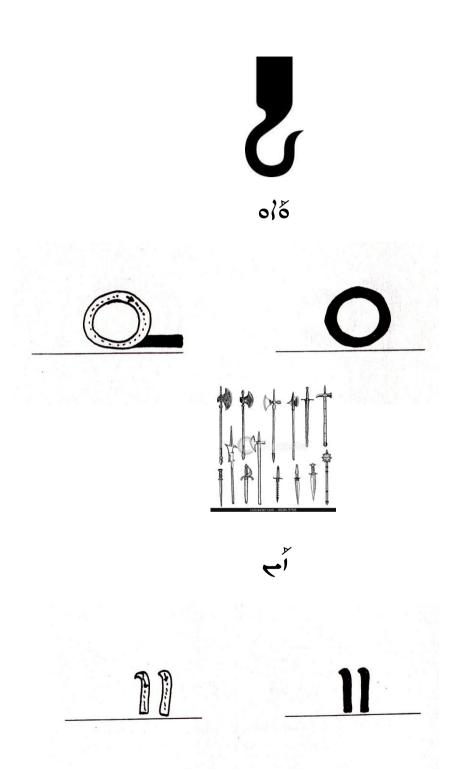


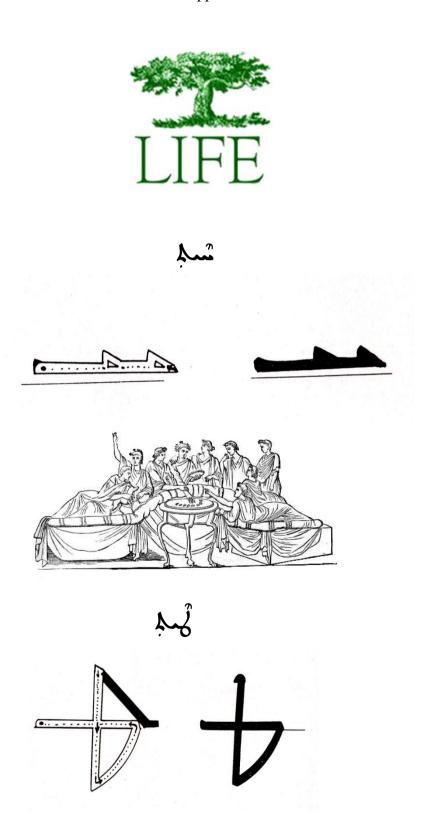


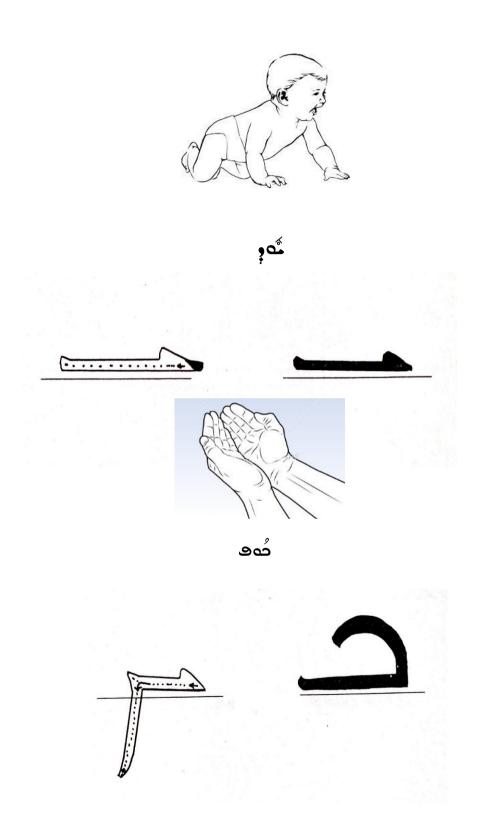


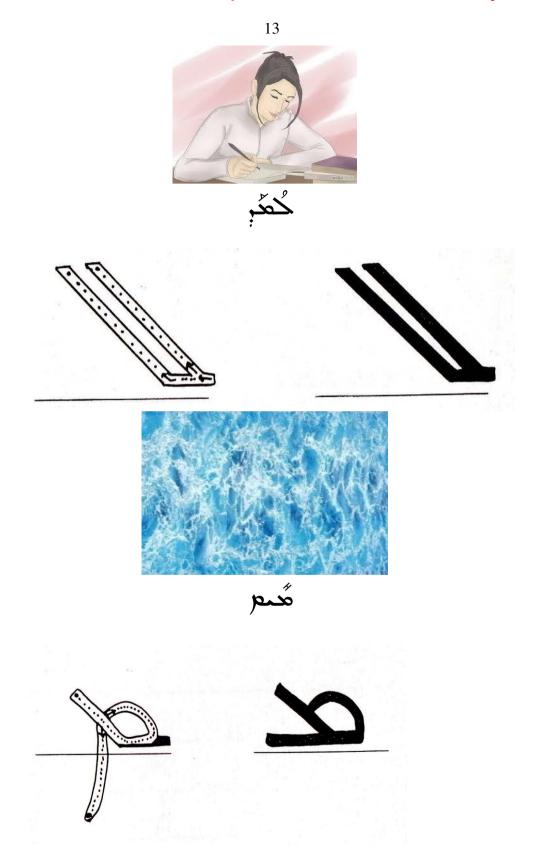


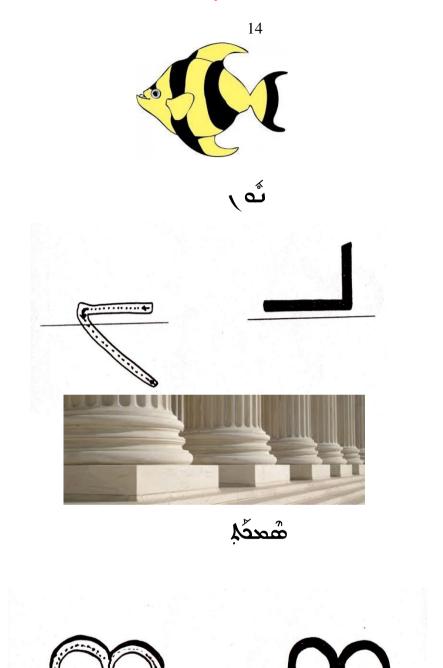




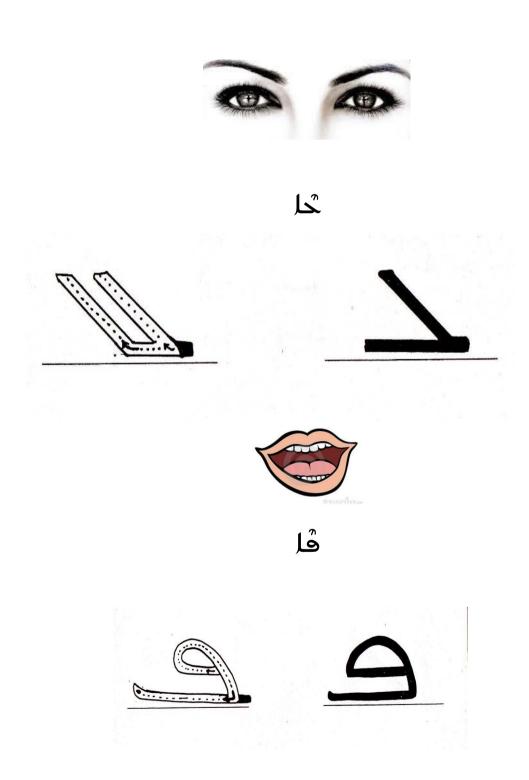


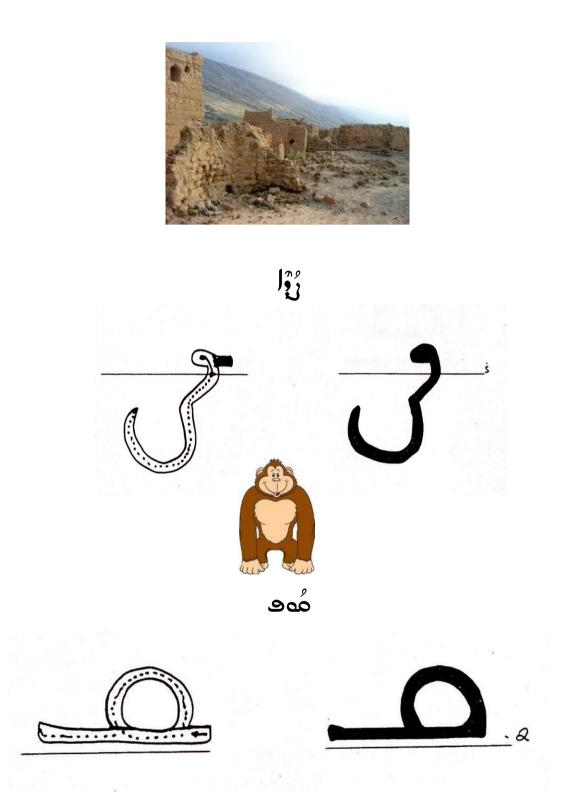


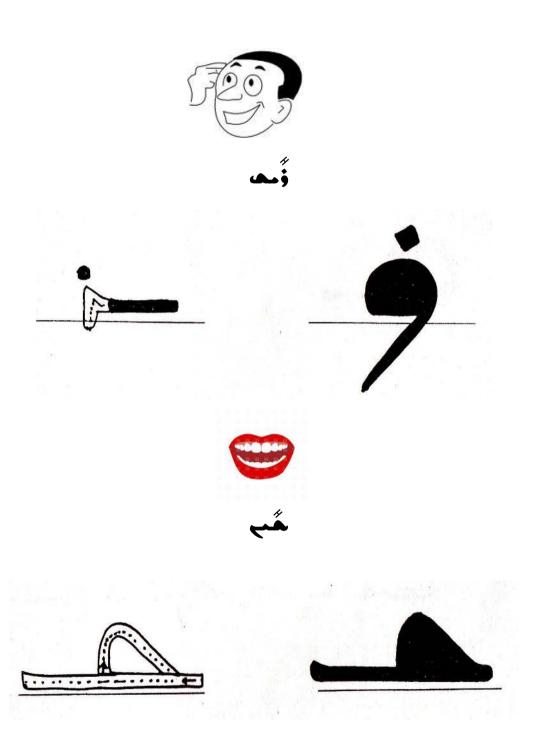


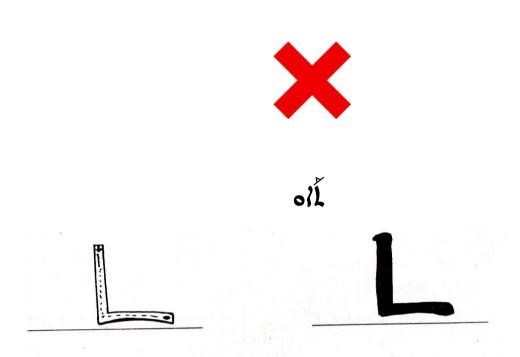












Pronounce the Letters in the following way

	Pronunciation			
Letters	ENGL:			
?	a	അ്		
9	b, bh	ബ്		
	g, gh	ഗ്		
?	d, dh	ദ്		
ð	h	ഹ്		
0	V	വ്		
1	Z	സ്		
	h	ഹ്		
8	t	ത്		
.	у	യ്		

(بر) د	k, kh	ക്
7 (🥒)	1	ല്
(مر) مد	m	മ്
4 (~)	n	ന്
B	S	സ്
(س)	e (a)	എ്
9	p, ph	പ്
3	S	സ്
9	q	ഖ്
;	r	റ്
•	š	ശ്
1	t, th	ത്, സ്



- ➤ There are twenty two letters in Syriac and they are written and read from right to left.
- ➤ Letters are divided into strong and weak as per the nature
- ➤ Weak letters are ? and and all others are strong
- ➤ In Syriac all letters are joined either with the preceding letters or with the following letters.
- > The eight letters namely ; 1 o on ; / and L are joined to the preceding letters only and not with the following letters.



÷	The lette	rs رٹ	مُّىم	ککر	<u> ခ</u> ထ်	and	څـا	take the shape
	· a /	,	nd 🛰	respec	tively a	t the e	nd of a	a word
	Example		مُ ب دُ	، مُع	<i>\\</i>	ک		

❖ The letter ¼ when it comes before it is written parallel to and when it comes after becomes parallel to .
Example

كُمُول تَكْلل

* The letters ζ and λ are connected with a slanting line when it is joined to the preceding letters Example

مُعَمُّلًا كُملًا



I.A. Write the following letters:

I.B. Try to identify the letters

I.C. Write the following letters in the alphabetical order.

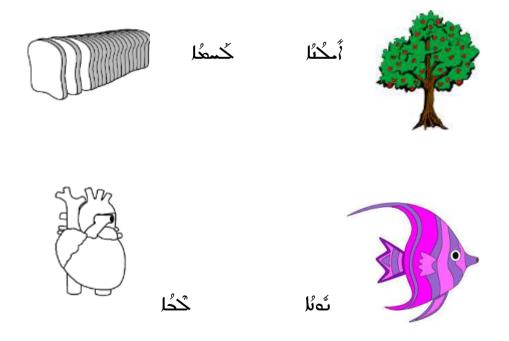
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Lesson 2 زُمگا

> حَبِّر رُفِّرُ حَبِّر وُمهُا حَبْر وُمهُا هِكُم

What are these signs which you find above the letters? They represent vowels. There are two systems of vowels in Syriac namely the Dot System or East Syriac vowel system and the Greek System or the West Syriac vowel system. The vowels are placed above or below the letters. Look at the vowels given above the letters.



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West Syriac Vowel Signs

	a	അ, ആ	ک
-	e	എ, ഏ	څ
9	o	ഒ, ഓ	<u>څ</u>
<u>-</u>	i	ഇ, ഈ	ػٞ
*	u	ഉ. ഉൗ	ڎؙ

East Syriac Vowel Signs and Letters

أُونُونُ مُّ أُصَّ

Read the syllables

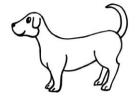


رُ رُو رُو: رُو: رُو:



ہ پک چکم پکما

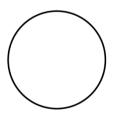




هُ مُلا مُلِّ مُلْحًا

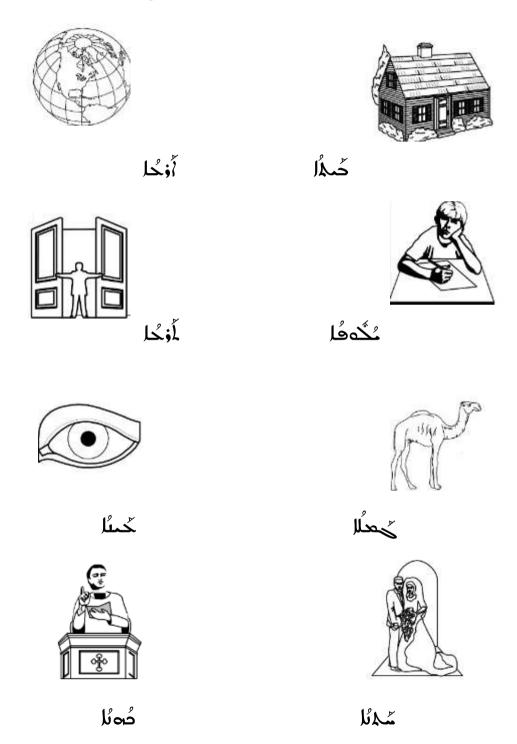


ئ 🏏 ئە ئەد ئەدا



س شه شه و شهوز شهوزاً

Read the following words







رگەلا

مُككُا



If all the letters in a word are vowelled, all except the last one is pronounced long.

eg:- ആബോ ട്ര് ആലോഹോ ട്ര്

❖ If any one of the letters ➤o; is prefixed to a word which begins with a vowelled ? the vowel sound goes to the prefix.

وزاد الأوراد eg:-

❖ Vowelless final → is silent.

Eg مککته

Read the following words



صُكْا

شكائل



Here λ has two different pronunciation.

The six letters have two different articulations: the hard called **Kusaya** indicated by a dot placed above the letters, and the soft, called **Rukakha** indicated by a dot below.

A small line given below or above a letter shows that, the particular letter is not pronounced. e.g.

Note the following words

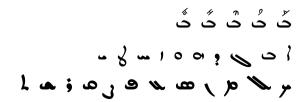


What are the two horizontal dots placed above these words? They are called 'Syome'.

Syome (Ribui) are two horizontal dots ($\ddot{-}$) placed above the words to denote the plural number: as in $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt dt = n$ makes. When a word contains the letter $\ddot{\cdot}$, the dot over the $\ddot{\cdot}$ usually is made to coalesce with one of the plural dots. Eg. $\ddot{\ddot{\cdot}}$



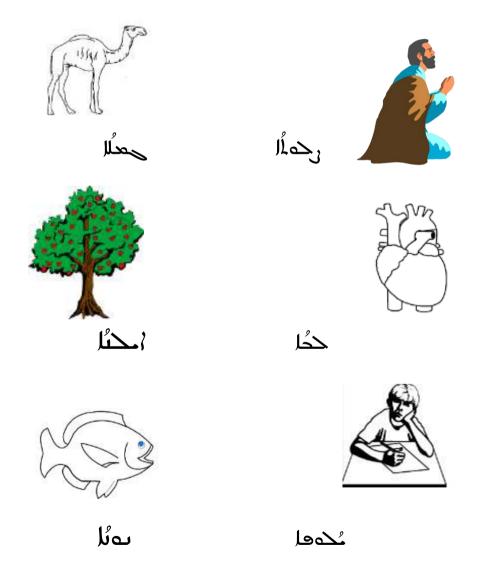
- II.A. Write two words each, which contain Kusaya and Rukakha
- II. B. Apply all the vowels to the following letters. Follow the example.



II. C. Find out letters with the vowels $-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ and $-\frac{1}{2}$ from the following words

مُقَيزًا خَلِمًا صُولًا كُنا بُكُوفًا ثُولًا

II. D. See the picture and find the missing vowels:



II. E. Five pairs of words are given below. Only one in each pair is correct. Choose the correct word.

مگحا	حگائــا
مُحكمًا	مُكْدُا
لگڑ	/o\\^7
لكد	لمكل
مُحکمکا	مُحکما

♦ Generally the vowel = is followed by the letter • and vowel = by the letter •

Example

شُودًا فُمهُا

The exceptions are

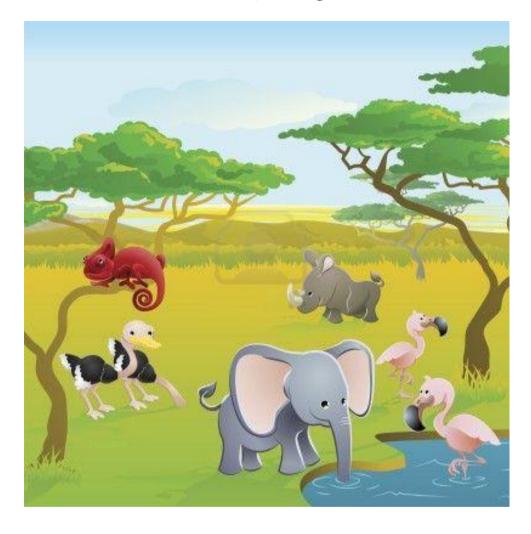
❖ In certain words the vowels of and of follow the letters and of respectively and in that case these letters are not pronounced Example

ي لزُه ته ص

Read the following

مِّفُنزُا مِّفُتْرًا مِّفُنزُا مِّفْتِزُا نُكُوفُا نُكُوفًا نُكُوفِكُا نُكُوفُكُا مُحكُا مُحَدًّا مُحكِكُا مُحَكُكُا لُكِنًا لِكِتُا لِكِنكُا لِكِنْكُا

Lesson 3



أَنُا إِنَّا أَهُمُدا. أَنَّا إِنَّا حَشَبَوْا سَعَمُا. حَسَّرِ كُوْمُا أَأَكْنَ حَيْدُا وِسَتَوْلُا سَلِّكُ دُوه شَعِمُا أَتَكْثَا وأَوْحُا تَهْا وَلَاكُلُا كَعَثْلا. أَمْ دُوه لَوْمَ سَعْمًا أَتَكْثَا وَأَوْحُلُا تَهْا وَلَاكُلُا كَعَثْلا. Answer the questions given below

إلْمُتِدْ الْمُدِي لِمُا الْكُواْ ؟	حعُل	. 1
قَىلًا أَمْ حَيْدُا إِمْتَهُمُا ؟	حعُل	.2
كقُلا أَحْ صِيكُا وِمُتَوْلًا ؟	حعُل	.3
المُعْتَدُّهِ الْمُدِي لِمَا اتَّهُما ؟	حعُل	.4
؟ الْمُتشِّ الْمُدِي هُمْ الْمُثَّ	حعُل	.5
. 4		
أنكثار		
قىلا	••••	.2
کیفٹلا		
	••••	.4
13 =		$\overline{}$

The numerals from one to nineteen have got masculine and feminine gender. One to five is given below

سنا	• ••
<i>ج</i> ٱۥٞڶ	٦٠٠٠
777	لگمُّال
أُؤِكُ	اً;وحكُل
سُهُم	بنعمل

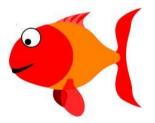
Let us recite the rhyme

سُ اوْبِ الْكُلُا: سُ هُلُوا أُوحِكُا سُعِفُا: سُعِفُا كَتَعُبِ سُا أُولُمِ الْكُلا: أُولُمِ كُتَبُ أُوكُه سُهُمه: أُوكُه قُتبُ.



حُتُمْ حَيْدً حَسَمًا كُسَمِّ اللَّهِ مُعَلَّمُ اللَّهُ عَلَّهُمُ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللّمِنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّا مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّا لِمُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّا لِلَّا مُنْ اللَّا لِمُنْ اللَّا لِمُنْ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّا لِمُنْ اللَّهُ مُنَا ا

See the picture and write the correct number of the objects



1 ئەڭ 1



2 هُأَثًّا



3 ڳَختُمُّا 3



4 قتبًا



5 رُفْدُ اِ



6 أُتكْثار أ

Observe the calendar for the month of June 2014 and find out the days? **SYRIAC CALENDAR**

JUNE 2014

حُداً	حزُّەدگُا	ينحفا	أزدكا	لکگا	۲ۋ۲	<i>y</i>
		حمِّدُا	حمِّدُا	حمُّدُا	حمُّدُ	حمُّدُا
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هِ هُولًا تُعتبُنُا

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	-		?	-	4
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1	_	7	•	_	8

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ø	-	40	(-	50
9	-	60	~	-	70
9	-	80	J	-	90
٩	-	100	;	-	200
•	_	300	1	_	400

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Substitute Syriac Letters

403	502	102
701	604	210



The letters of the alphabet are used to express arithmetical figures.

- The units (i.e. 1-9) are expressed by the first nine letters ? to ?
- The tens (i.e. 10-90) are expressed by the succeeding nine letters to .
- The hundreds from 100 to 400 are expressed by the remaining four letters \bullet to λ .
- The hundreds from 100 to 900 are expressed by placing a dot above the letters \bullet to \bullet (eg. \bullet =100: \bullet = 200: \bullet = 300: \bullet = 400 etc.).
- To get the thousands a slanting line is placed below the letters. (eg. =1000: == 2000).
- The lakhs are expressed by placing a straight line below the letters. (eg. $\frac{?}{2}$ =100000 $\stackrel{\triangle}{=}$ = 200000: $\stackrel{\triangle}{=}$ =300000).



- III. A. Prepare a calendar for the month of July 2014
- III. B. Provide Syriac letters for the Cardinal numbers.

102	23	67	85	99
12	21	44	65	77
1978	1543	888	999	444

III. C. Find out Syriac letters for the following

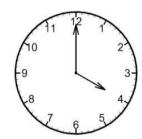
3,000	30,000	200,000
20,000	600,000	3,000,000
10,000,000	40,000,000	900.

III. D. When one entered the concert there he saw a board in which the numbers of the songs are written using Syriac letters. Now replace it with cardinal numbers

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III. E. Write the time given in the watches





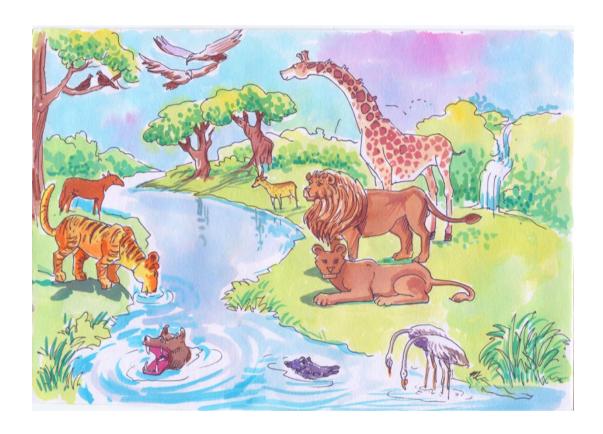
III. F. Write your own date of birth using Syriac letters

III. G. Provide Syriac letters to the cardinal numbers and complete the table.

<u>+</u> 14	12 محا	L 11
6	72	198
835	1973	2014

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Lesson 4



وُلُا وَه كُكُلِ مِّقَنْ اللهِ وَأَمْ دُوه أَتَكُنَا مُقَنَّا وَرُقَّا وُلُونَا لُكُلُا أَمْ دُوه أَنكُنا مَقْنَا وَقَالًا وَكُونُونُ اللهِ وَإِلْكُمْ وَكُونُونُ وَكُونُونُ وَلَيْ وَكُونُونُ وَكُونُونُ وَكُونُونُ وَكُولًا وَلَا وَكُولًا وَكُولًا وَكُولًا وَلَا وَكُولًا وَلَا وَلَا وَكُولًا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَوْلًا وَلَا وَاللَّهُ وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا وَلَا وَاللَّهُ وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَلًا وَلَا وَلَا وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَلًا وَلَا وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَلًا وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَلِا وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَلَا لَا مُنْ وَلَا فَلَا قُلْلًا فَلَا قُلْلِا فَلَا فَلَ

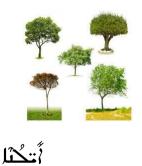
Read the passage given and write the names of persons, animals, birds, places and things in different boxes as in the example.

Persons	Animals	Birds	Places	Things
اَنْهُا	لا; أ	<u>అయ్మ్ చ్రే</u>	كُدُا	نَهؤُا
	فُىلُا			مُعنا
	<u>ک</u> ملًا			
	لُمُلًا			
	ب ًاكُل			

Read the passage

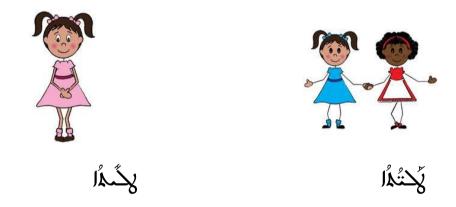
All the underlined words are nouns. A noun can be the name of a person, animal, place or thing. Usually the nouns ending in \mathring{l} are masculine singular and those ending \mathring{l} are masculine plural and \mathring{L} are feminine singular and those ending in \mathring{L} are feminine plural







Words ending in ? form their plural by changing the vowel in to ?



Nouns ending in $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}$ form their plural by adding an additional vowel $\mathring{\circ}$ to the letter that just precedes $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}$. To get the plural number of those words end in $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}$ are changed into $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}$: and $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}$ is changed in to $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}$.



Nouns ending in \mathcal{L} make their plural by adding a vowel \circ to the letter just precedes \mathcal{L}

FP	FS	МР	MS
مُحْكُمُا	مُحْكِمُا	مُخدُا	مُحدُا
مُحْوَتُكُا	مُحْدُثُمُا	<u>مُ دُوْثا</u>	مُحْفُلُا
حمَّظمُنكُا	حمَّحمُنگار	حمَّۃمُثا	حمّحمُنا
ئگەفگا	ئگەھگا	لگةڤل	ئگەۋا



Many words have got entirely new words as their number and gender

FP	FS	МР	MS
أَضْكُأُ	أُكُل	ا اُحُوَّا	ا ُ کُل
ٱلْمُتااً	الْمُدُ	المُثَارُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمِ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِمِ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ الْمُعِلِمُ	لَـُدُ
حتُمُا	خَنْلًا	حنثا	حزا
	الْمَدِأُ	التي ا	اژنے کے
ٱلْمُعَدُّاً	أَحُمُّا	ائجج	ابْعدُ
كقنالما	حصما	لَحُنّا	کمٹا
لَّحْدُمُّا	سگنگار	ننځئا	ليكي
الْمُدْتْسَا	لَــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ	إستُّلًا	لْسَزُنْكُ



IV. A. Find out the matching words from group A to those given in group B.

B اُمُحار	A Lary
حزا	اَحُوْدًا اَحُوْدًا
مُحكُا	شگل
آُکل	الْمُحْتُ{
لکٹا	د نگا

IV. B. Complete the following sentences choosing the correct word from the box

(لِكُمْلُا ثَقَّا أَصْهُلُا أَلِمِلُا قَلُمُا هُكُمُلًا كَلُمُلًا هُكُمُلًا كَلُمُلًا مُكْكُمُلًا)

.... لِكُمُّا أَدُونُ لَا لَكُمْ
أَوْدِكُا تَلْكُلُا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ

IV.	C.	Com	nlete	the	table	with	rhy	yming	words
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IV. D. List the things found in the shop



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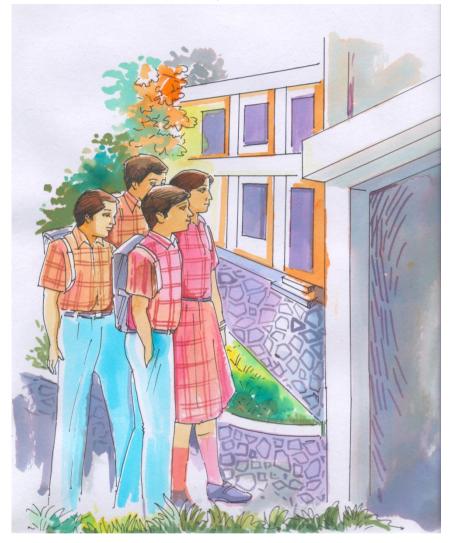
IV. E. Find out the matching words from group A to those given in group B.



IV. F. Choose the appropriate word from the bracket and complete the following.

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Lesson 5 صُحُولًا بُحِي



مُل هِّقَى: أَهدُّهاً إِبْكُ أَمْل دُه مُحَدُّلًا زُخُل أَمْل دُه مُحَدُّلًا شَدُّتمُّلًا مُحَدُّنُكُمُّا شَدُّتمُّلًا

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أَمْ دُه نُكْةَفَّا هِهُ تَا هَ أُسْكًا لُخَّا أَمْ دُه نُكَةَفُكُا هِهُ تُلُا هَ أُسْكُكُا لُخُكُا

The following are some of the persons connected with the school. Now write four sentences using the words. One is done for you

> ئْدُةُ قُلْ حَهُدُّا مُحْدُفُنْلُا ئُدُةُفُلُا ئُسطُلُا تُسطُلُا

Nouns and adjectives have got number and gender. Adjectives are qualifying words. They agree with each other in number and gender

ةُه مَلُحُل لُحُل هُو مُحَكِلًا لُحِكُلُا هُنُور تَكِنُلُ مُقَتَكُلًا هُنُور تَكُلُلُ مُقَتَكُلًا هُنُور تَكُلُلُ مُقَاتُلُا

Read the following

ة ُحُمُّال	أ َحمُّال	ب رگرا	ذ ُكُمْ ا
لُخُمُّا لُخُمُّا	المُحذُ	لُحُّرً	اَحْزُ
ئگةفكُا	نگەھگا	ئگةڤا	نگوفا
ۋسځمال	ۋىمىڭا	; ئىمگىل	ۇسكا ئىمكا

الْمُشْرَّةُ	مُبْعَمُا	مُبُّهُا	المُبْهُ
الْمُتُوْمِينَ	الْمُنْ وَلِينَ	اتَّـَمْص	الْبُ مُّكِّنَا الْمُ
سُدُتعُكُال	لْمُحْمَدُ	ئىد تىڭل	سُدُمكُل
كُمُمُّا	دُمهُا	حُتمُّ ل	حُمهُا



A noun and adjective should agree with each other in number and gender. An adjective is written after the noun. See the examples given below

> حُماًا زُحُا: خُماً زُحُا ماُحُا لُحُا: مَاكُا لُتُا مُحفُنا مُصُعا: مُحَفْثا مُدَّتَعْا

Read the Rhyme

كُحُلُ كُتُلُ كُحِدُ لَكُمُّا مُحَدُّلًا مُحَدُّلًا مُحَدُّلًا مِدَّائًا مِدَّائًا مِدَّائًا مِدَّائًا



V. A. Some of the words are given misplaced. Discuss in pair and write them in the correct order and make meaningful sentences.

أَ مُمَّنُ الْمُحُوفُا
 أُحُل هُخُل الْمُخْل

مُحْفُثُا شُقْبِهُا	.3
حةً ـٰزُل حُكُوفُل	.4
زُسعُل لُحُل	.5

V. B. Choose the correct word from the box and complete the sentences

V. C. Rewrite the sentences with the words given in brackets by adding them at the proper place

V. D. Complete the sentences with the correct word agreeing with the subject

V. E. Insert the correct word and complete the following sentences

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V. F. Choose the correct word from the bracket and complete the sentences (الْمُعُنَّ الْمُعَنِّلُ الْمُعَنِيلُ الْمُعَنِّلِ الْمُعَنِّلِ الْمُعَنِّلِ الْمُعَنِّلِ الْمُعَنِيلِ الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلِيلِ الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلِيلِيلُولُ الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلْمُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُولِ الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلِيلُولِ الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلَّى الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمِعِلَى الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلِيلُولِيلُولِ الْمُعِلِيلِيلُولِ الْمُعِلِيلِيلِيلُولِ الْمُعِلِيلِيلِيلِيلُولِ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُولِ الْمُعِلِيلِيلِيلُولِ الْمُعِلَى الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْمُعِلِيلُ الْم



1. پِکْمُا



2. لإكثار



3. حُمُّا

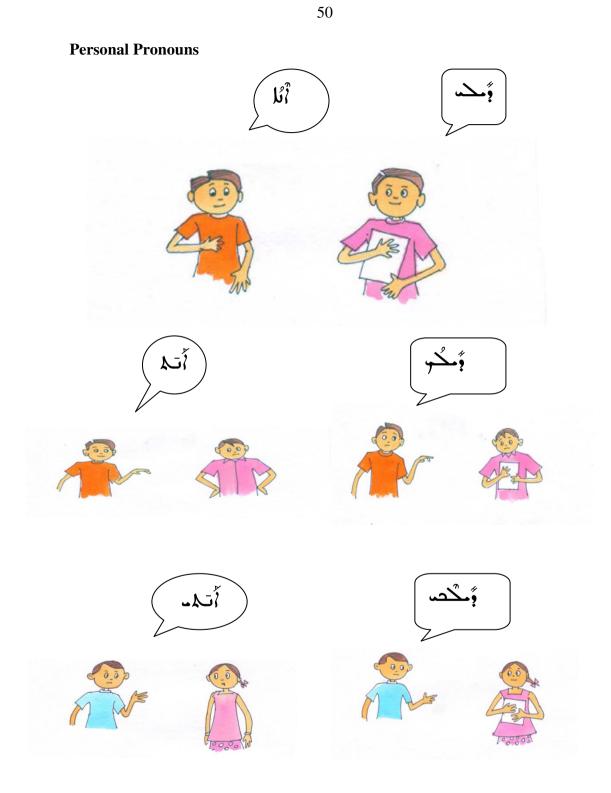
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Lesson 6

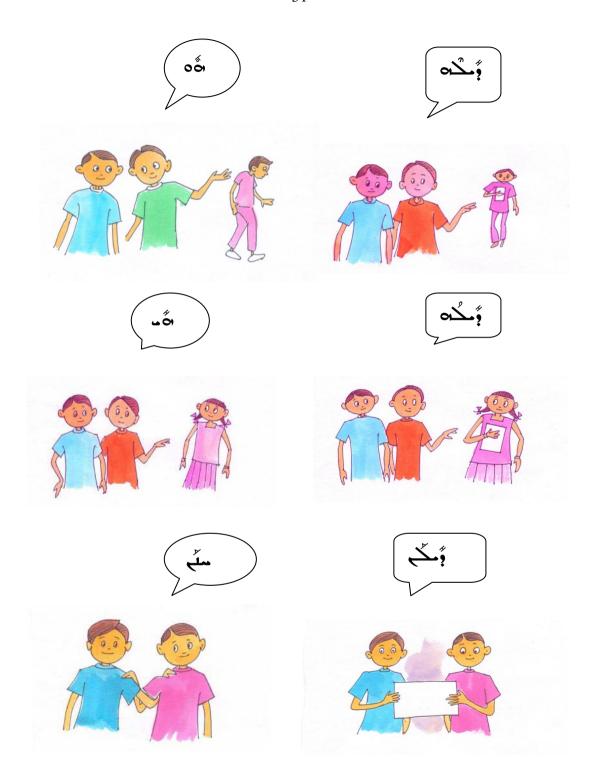


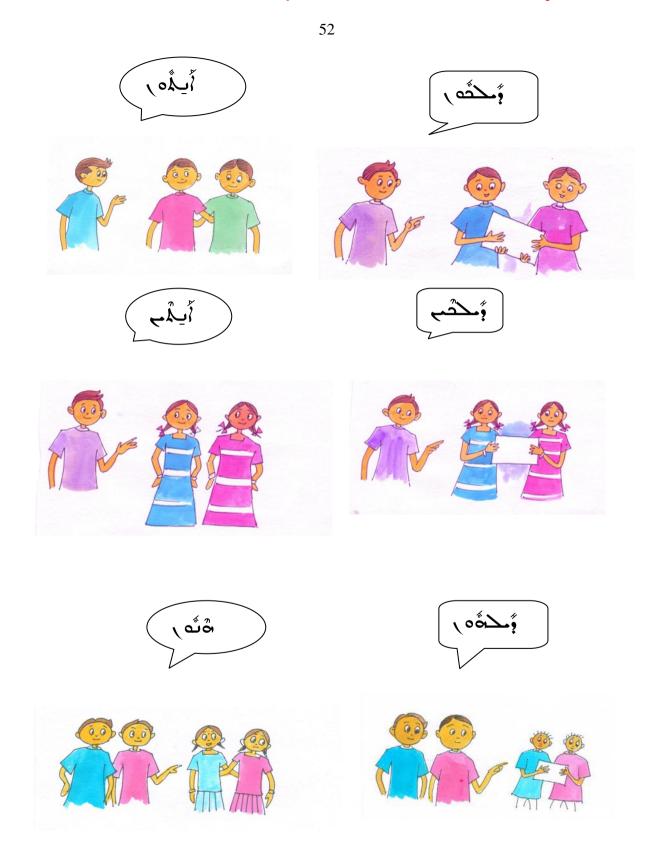
Let us observe the usages given in the narrative such as

أَكُلُ اِنُلُ أَتِكُمْ أَتِكُ أَتِكُمْ إِنْكُمْ

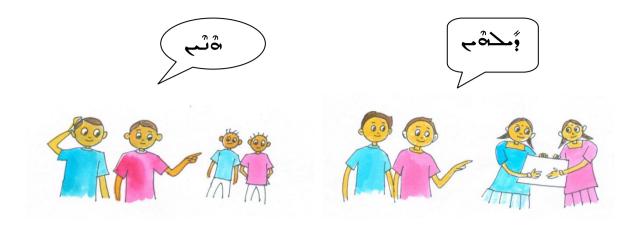


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These personal pronouns can be used as verb 'to be' agreeing with the subject in gender, number and person. When they are used as verbs the i of bis and the of of and are occulted as in the following examples. The third person plural verbs are \displassin i and \d

أَنُلُ لَهُٰكِئُلُ اِنُلُ أَيِهُ خُزِيُهُلُ أَيِهِ أَيهِ، هُفَّنِئُلُا أَيهِ، أَنْ هُخُلُ وَهُ اللَّهُ، أَنْهُلُا وَ.

سِّلُ لِکُنَّا سِنِّ أَيكُورُ حَنْتُمُا أَيكُورُ أَيكُورُ خَفْتُلُا أَيكُورُ وَثُورُ فَقُلَا أَنْهُ وَثُورُ لَقُلًا أَنْهُ The following sentences are not correct. Read carefully and correct the sentences

A dialogue between two friends are given below. But there are some mistakes. Can you correct it

٨ؗؗؗۦڒٞ	ٱئلا
عَضُم لِمِياً لُنْأَ	: ఇాయ్డ్
أَنُا أَبِيهُ هُذِيمُ	مُخزيّم:
لَّمُ لُهُ مَكُمُ لِمُا رِنْہ	: ఇర్థుర్తా
الْمُحُلُّ الْمُعُمُّدُ لَا يُسَ	مُنظر:

Write sentences about your friends. Begin the sentences with the usages like
ره الْمَالُ الْمُلْكُونُ الْمَالُونُ الْمَالُونُ الْمُلْكُونُ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُلْمُ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمُ الْ

Recite the song below

What are the uses of the letters \checkmark \circ ?

The four letters المحكمة are used to make cases.

The meanings of the four letters are as follows:

in, with, by ع و و المحكمة By the king

of و و المحكمة Of the king

and o eg: المحكمة And the king

to, for eg: المحكمة To the king

These letters are prefixed to the nouns to get different cases. If the first letter of the noun does not have a vowel this prefix receives an \circ - vowel. Eg:

Possessive pronominal suffixes are added to the letters on in the following way.

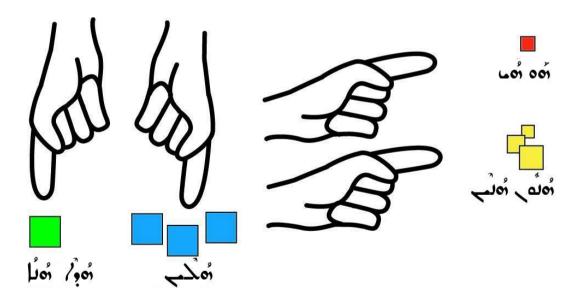
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Demonstrative Pronouns

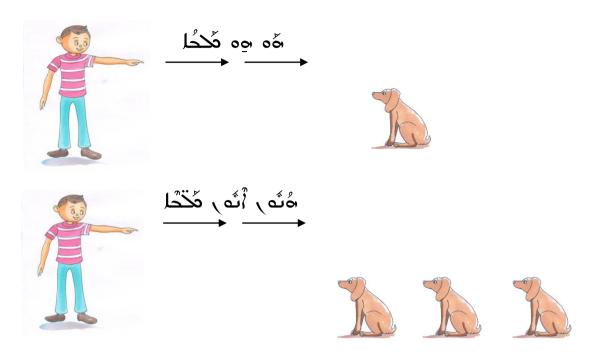


Sing	ular		Plural		
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ါ်င်္	ائوم	this	ۿؙٛٛٛٛ	these	
00	⊸	that	\ ထိံဓိ	سُمْ	those

The first set point to the objects nearest to the speaker and the second set point to distant objects.



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Read the following rhyme

هُلا وه مُحكُل مُدُمكُل هُوَا و مُحككُل مُدُمكُل هُكَب أَنُّه مُحَكُد مُدُتكُل هُكب أَنُّه مُحَكُدُلُا مُدُتكُلًا

Write similar rhymes using the words Like

Place ညီစံ ပြို့စ် ညှင်း to get the meaningful Syriac sentences

مُحكُل	• •	• • •	• •	•	• •	• •	•	• •	•	• •	٠	•	٠.	•	٠	٠	٠	٠	•
ئگةڤا																			
أُدُل	• •	• • •		•	• •	••	•	• •	•	• •	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
أُمُا	• •			•	• •	••	•	• •	•	• •	٠	•			•	٠	•	•	•
الْحُدِينَا																			

Conversation

عُوهُو، أَمْل أَمْل كُم خُمْلُا مِّرِ. هُو وَه خُمْلُا زُخُلِ أَمْل خُو أَخُل وَأَهُل هُوْ رَائُو رَائُو رَائُو هُوْ رَائُو رَائُو رَائُو

مُنعُون الْلهُ اللهُ عَدْ سُلُمُ اللهِ حَدَمُا اللهُ عَدْ اللهُ ا

Read the rhyme given below

ە ۋە دا ۋە ۋە دال ۋە ۋە دالا ۋە ۋە دالا ھۇتى ۋە تىلا

Write similar rhyming sentences using the words مُحُوفًا

..... ۋە ئڭەفل ۇئەر ئڭەفلا ۇد ئىنى ئىدىللا ھىنى ئىنى ئىنى ئىدىلل



VI. A. Complete the sentences using the words given in the box. (حـــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ	
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	ာင်္ခ 3
ر م ب کشار	
	5 ةت
VI. B. Rewrite the following sentences changing the forms of the underlin words (masculine forms in to feminine forms and vice versa) Follow the example	ed
كِياً لِمُكِلِّ لِمِياً الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَالِمُ الْمُعَا	
أيام الحُسْمُا أيام،	
آئل <u>آ</u> ئل <u>مُحدُا</u>	.1
حِكُواْ الْمُنْكُلُ حِكُواْ	.2
أيلم هُكِدُا أيلم	.3
سِّے <u>مُحَدُّد</u> سِّے	.4
رِمْوَا مِنْكُور مِنْهُ	.5
VI. C. Make five sentences in Syriac as it is given in the example Eg. آگا گاگا	
	1

61 3. آئی 3 4. سکے ... 5. آلگه ، VI. D. Write in front of each word to make sentences. ... مُحْدُمًا 2. 3. اُمُا 4. الْحُمْثُأُ 5. VI. E. Place ထိတ် ပတ် to get the meaningful Syriac sentences VI. F. Arrange the words in the proper order and make meaningful sentences 1 مُحكُمًا/ لِلْحَارُ الْعُلَا 2 مُقَارُ / لِكُمُ اللهِ ٥٥٠

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4 مُحكُماً/ ٥٥/ مُقَمَرُ/

ا کمکی الکمل المحکما

Lesson 7



أَحُور وَحُمِعُنَا ثَلَمُهُم مِعُود أَالْما مُحَدُّوالُود ثَوْوَا رُحِنُو أَحُنَا وَحُمِعُنَا أَو خَاذِكَا. وَ كَى كَسعُا وِهُونِ فَنَ مُعْنَا. وَمِحُوه كَى شَقْحُه وَسَهُوْتِ أَنْكُنَا وَأُو سَنَ مَحْو حَسَنُكُ مِن وَلًا لَمَحَ حَثَقَتُونًا. آلًا قُنُ فَى حَسَمًا. ثَعَيَّا وَبُكُو وِ مُحَدُّواً وَسَالًا وَلُمَتُوسِكُمُا حَكُم حُسمًا. ثَعَيَّا وَبُكُو وِ مُحَدُّواً وَسَالًا وَلُمَتُوسِكُمُا حَكُم حُسمًا. ثَعَيِّا وَبُكُو وِ مَحَدُّواً وَسَالًا وَلُمَتُوسِكُمُا

In the passage given above many words have undergone certain changes. We shall understand it through the table given below.

لْنْحَرُ	مُحَدُّه لِّال
سثحنً	مُحدَّه ا
ژحئئو	مُحَدُّه لُسِ
سعثثعيً	مُحدُّه أَحي
رُحئُنّه	محجة
وثيث	مِحرِثه ا
	سلم بلام ستلم مثلم

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حضم	رٹئعن	مُحَدُّه أَى
مُعدُه	رمثُندُه	مُكِدُه لَوُه ﴾
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<u> چمو</u>	رثشث	ج څېو کې کې



Read the following sentences.

هُول او يا أهد

Pronominal suffixes are the shortened forms of pronouns attached to the end of a noun to denote their possession. Usually they are

✓ These forms are added to the stem or to the root of a noun.

The stem or the root is formed by dropping the last vowel of a noun.

- ✓ Suffixes are seen in two different lines.
- a. Suffixes added to the singular nouns (nouns ending in \hat{l})
- b. Suffixes added to the plural nouns (nouns ending in ?)

هُحَدُّا	<u>مُحَدُدا</u>
تمكحص	مُكِثُ
ئىكگىر	مُكِدُب
يُحرُدُون	مُحکّدُمت
مُكْدُه	مُكِرِّدُه هـ،
مُكُمُ	مري مريده
مُحْکُم	مُحَدُّب
مُحَدَّدُه ر	مُكِدُبُون ر

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رئەنى/ ئە	4
ر مۇسۇمى	(0
حککم	~

Note the exceptional nouns

يمكُل	<u>ٱشُا</u>	<u>ٱحُل</u>
شعب	un i	۵
سمگەس	المُنْ الْمُنْ	ٱٚڞؙڔ
سعُوم	ကတ္ဖော်	ယတိ်
~000m	رُمُون	ာ တင်္သိ
ضڠ ؞	ဝ်ရင်္သေီ	o ထိ် (
سمگه	رصيًّا	رڠؙٲ
رمڠُوڠُ	ု ထိုင်္သေီ	ု စိစ််
جعُوثِ	رَمُّهُ	جءُثُ
/ 00000m	(ဝင်္ဂရင်္ကိ	ု ဝင်္စသိ <i>်</i>
رمُّونِي.	حمَّصةً	7 800



VII. A. Write five sentences using the wo	ord low	
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	•••••	.2
	•••••	.3
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VII. B. Add pronominal suffixes to المنافذة	
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VII. C. Find out the appropriate single word from the bracket	
حد (ھاُحت ھاُاُججہ)	رِدُ احْدُ
ک (مگذف مگذف) ک (مگذه مگذب)	
كُتُ(مُكُتُّكُ مِكُدُّهُ)	
الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الله	
كه (مِكُحُد مِكُحَدِب)	
كى (ھُئى ھُدەب)	
كَتُورِ (هُاحِدُورِ هُاحِثُورِ)	ملُحُل وُّ۔
كْتِي(بكُادُوه بكُادْدِي)	مگُدُل وُّد
كةُور والمُحدَّور والمُحدَّور والمُحدَّد والمُحدَّد والمُحدَّد والمُحدَّد والمُحدِّد والمُحدِّد والم	ماُحُا وُ۔
كْتَى(نَكُادُه نَكُدُتِى) كَةُه ب(نَكُادُه نَكُدُتِى) كَةُ ب(نَكُرُتُ نِكُادَةً بِي) كَةُ بِي(نَكُرُتُ نِكُادَةً بِي)	ملأخًا وُــ
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VII. D. Fill in the blanks	. 09
<u>هُمْ قُـل</u>	<u>ىلأخُل</u> ىلأحى
مگئ	دلاُح

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•••••	ڡڵؙؙ۪ڂٮڔ
•••••	ھُکُمی
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	مُدُّد
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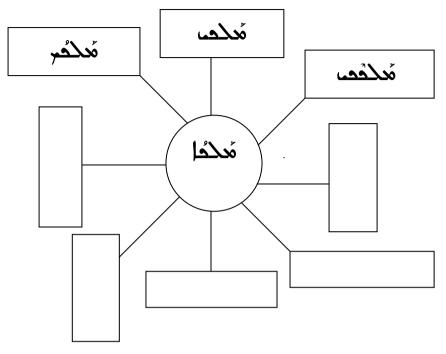
VII. E. Use the hints given in brackets and add suffixes to the following nouns to get the possessive meaning

- 1. مُحكُل
 - 2. ملكل
- 3. مُحَوْبًا
 - j. 3

VII. F. Change any two of the following words as given in the bracket

- 1. سُخْزا
- 2. کخاً
- 3. كَمْأَا
- 4. زُسكُا

VII. G. Find out five similar words deriving from the central word to complete the boxes as the examples given below



VII. H. Fill in the following table with suffixed forms

حزُا	ومُحا

Lesson 8



أَمَّنَ كُوهُ تَهُوهِ، كِحَالُ سِّ سَلَمْ هَى أُه وَهُكُم الْمَاسُو، وَلَكُوهُ حَصُوبَ وَأَرْكُهُ، وَلَمْ سُرِ أَلِما حَكُمُوبِ وَأَرْكُهُ، وُلِمَا لَمْ أَلِما حَكُمُوبِ وَأَرْكُهُ، وُلِمَا لَمْ وَكُولًا لِمُ وَمُكُلًا أَلُو كُولًا مَلِما لِمُن وَمِلًا لَهُ وَمُكُلًا أَلُو مُكُلًا وَلَمْ اللّهُ وَمُلًا لَهُ وَمُكُلًا أَلُو مُكُوبِ وَمِرْزُ كُوهٍ.

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Answer the following questions:

مَّ سُلَم مَّ أُه أُمكُم الْمَنْسُه؟ مَّ مَفِ مَكُم مَكُم الْمَنْسُه؟ مَّ مَنْ كَهُذَا؟

Find out the verbs in the following passage:

مع مقل أأ الله أو محمو مع مقل أأكم الأو أحكم أيد أأكد الأو أحكم أيد أأكد الأو أحكم ألا أركد الأو أحكم الله أركد الأو أحكم الكوف أأكر الأو أحكم الكرا أأكر الأو أحكم الكرا أركد الأو أحكم الكرا أركد الأو أحكم أيد أركد الأو أحكم الكرا أركد الأو أحكم

Read the following rhyming sentences



مَأْت كَمَأْتُا ثَمْتُم كَمَأْتُا مَأْتِم كَمَأْتُا ثَمْتُم كَمَأْتُا مَأْتُم كَمَأْتُا مَأْتُم كَمَأْتُا مَأْتُم كَمَاتُا مَأْتَم كَمَاتُا مَأْتُم كَمَاتُا مَأْتُم كَمَاتُا

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ئدف خماُدُا نحفاہ خماُدُا ئدفہ خماُدُا ندفہ خماُدُا ئدفہ خماُدُا ئدفہ خماُدُا ئدفہ خماُدُا ئدفہ خماُدُا ئدفہ خماُدُا



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أَصُّ كَسعُلُ أَمُّكُمْ كَسعُلُ In Syriac as in other Semitic languages the majority of words are derived from roots which are generally of three radicals. The root is in the perfect (past) tense, third person masculine singular form. Example

CLASSIFICATION OF VERBS

According to the nature of letters verbs are divided in to strong verbs or regular verbs and Weak verbs or irregular verbs. Strong verbs are those in which all letters are strong. These are seen in two lines namely with the vowel $\mathring{-}$ or vowel $\mathring{-}$ over the middle letter. Example and so $\mathring{-}$ weak verbs are those which contain any one of the weak letters namely $\mathring{-}$ and $\mathring{-}$. Weak verbs are divided in to seven different groups according to the position of these weak letters in the place of the strong letters of the model word weak letters in the place of the strong letters of the model word and $\mathring{-}$ verbs). There are two more groups of verbs $\mathring{-}$ and $\mathring{-}$ and $\mathring{-}$ example $\mathring{-}$ were $\mathring{-}$ are two more groups of verbs $\mathring{-}$ and $\mathring{-}$ and $\mathring{-}$ example $\mathring{-}$ $\mathring{$

Look at the following table and see the different endings

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ۋىىگى	مُهُمَّ
فيصلخ	مُهُمُّ مهُد
وشعط	ميُكيد
قىگىم	مُکِمة
رمثُمثُ	مَكُمْهُ مَكُمْه
نسيَّ في	مگ
زشعلُه	مهکنه
وشعثة	حثكم
وْسْطِيّ	ملإت

Study tl	he followii	ag. Hse	one single	word for	the fo	llowing
Study u	ne ronown	ig. Use o	one single	word for	me 10	nowing

رهُ (مِكُت)	
مُّه (مُكْمَا) مُّه	ملَّد
(لمَكْم) لمِأْم	دلاًد
أَيِهِ (مُكْمَد)	دلاًد
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(جِكُمُلُهُ) وَكُمْأً	
سِنُ (هُأَحِنُ)	دلاًد



He took a book	مقُ کھاُدُا
She took a book	
You took a book (MS)	
You took a book (FS)	
I took a book	
They took a book (MP)	
They took a book (FP)	
You took a book (MP)	
You took a book (FP)	

VIII. B. Fill in the blanks with correct inflected forms

VIII. A. Translate in to Syriac

We took a book

<u>adu</u>

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VIII. C. Find out different forms of the following words

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VIII.D. Conjugate the following words in the past tense

الْكُو وَلَّمُ الْكُو الْكُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُلِي الْكُلُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْكُلُولُ الْلِي الْلِي الْلِي لَلْلِي الْلِي لِلْلِي الْلِي لِلْلِي

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Lesson 9



أُمَّذِ هُوهُمَا أَلَّ خُمِكُمُا حُوهُمُا وَسُمِعُا وِحْمَا كُلُّهُا أُمَّذِ أُبُوزُهِ قُومِ خُمِكُمُا أُمُا وَسُمِعُا وِزُسِقُوهِ مُدْوَهِ

أُمَّة مُّوهًا أَسْ خُمَكُمُا وُمُنَا وُأُمُّوهُ وَحُمًّا مُحَمًّا

About the Author

Mar Balai lived in the first half of the 5th century. Nothing is known of the life of this poet except that he was a Chorepiskopos, perhaps in the area around Aleppo. Many short liturgical supplication hymns in the five syllable meter (known as the meter of Mar Balai) are attributed to him.



IX. A. Make an appreciation on

finding out its meter, rhyme and imageries?

IX. B. Give the meaning of the following:

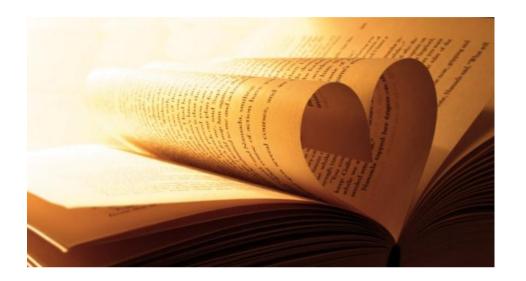
IX. C. Translate the following:

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الله المحتملة المحتمدة المحتم



 أما وؤشم شحكال ثدة هني شحكات خاما وؤشم حلائا
 الاحتل وثدة حقمال

About the Author

Mar Aprem was a prolific Syriac language hymn writer and theologian of the 4th century AD. He was born around the year 306 AD in Nisibis, a Syrian town located in the modern Turkey. He wrote a wide variety of hymns, poems, and biblical sermons in verse, as well as, in prose. The most important of his works are his teaching hymns. These hymns are rich in poetic imagery drawn from Biblical sources, folk traditions and other religions and philosophies. The originality, imagery and skill of his hymns captured the hearts of his readers. As a poet, teacher, orator and defender of faith he was recognized as a doctor of the church. The most popular title of Mar Aprem is 'Harp of the Holy Spirit'. He died in June 9th, 373 AD.



X. A. Comment on

expounding its literary styles?

X. B. Give the meaning of the following:

X. C. Conjugate the following

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أُحمال لُحُل
 أَلُم وتحمال للَّحت للَّحد المحمال الحمال الحمال الحمال حكم المحمال حكم المحمال المحما

گُدُا أِدِلَمْ
 گُزدُه حَدَّمْ
 مُحَسُّمُمْنا
 حَمِّس كُد هُزَّرَ
 لُزكُا وَزُسْطًا
 إُرْسُطًا
 إُرْسُطًا
 إُرْسُطًا

About the Author

Mar Aprem is classed as the finest and greatest of all the Syriac poets. He was a theologian of great insight, and one who deliberately preferred to express his theology through the medium of poetry rather than prose.

According to Robert Murray Mar Aprem is the greatest poet of the patristic age and perhaps the only theologian- poet to rank beside Dante.



XI. A. Make a comparison of

with similar song you have studied?

XI. B. Give the meaning of the following:

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Lesson 12

المحكم المح



مئار أه أدار كل المثار أحار ومنكو كتئار أحار ومنكو كتئار أحر وه كنا أحر وه كنا أه من وفك المنار كو حكنا المنار الم

3. حَمَّا سُكُو وَسُع كَبُّحِكُا أَضُا وِثَكَاثَ عِمْكُو وَكُانَ مِمْكُونُكُا وَمُكَانَ عَمْكُونُكُا وَمُكُلِّ وَمُكُلِّ الْمُكُلِّلُ الْمُكَنْتُكُا وَمُحَوَيْكُمُا مِكْنَتُكُا الْمُكَنْتُكُا مُكْنَتُكُا مُكَنْتُكُا مُكَنْتُكُا الْمُكَنْتُكُا الْمُعْمَاتُكُمُ الْمُكْتِبُكُمُ الْمُكَنْتُكُا الْمُكَنْتُكُمُ الْمُكَنْتُكُمُ الْمُكَنْتُكُمُ الْمُكَنْتُكُمُ الْمُكَنْتُكُمُ الْمُكَنْتُكُمُ الْمُكَنْتُكُمُ الْمُكَنْتُكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكْلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكْلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكِلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكُلِكُمُ الْمُكِلِكُمُ الْمُكِلِكُمُ الْمُكِلِكُمُ الْمُكِلِكُمُ الْمُكِلِكُ الْمُكِلِكُ الْمُكُلِكُ الْمُكِلِكُونُ الْمُلِكُ الْمُكِلِكُ الْمُكِلِكُ الْمُكُلِكُ الْمُلْكُلِكُ الْمُعْلِكُمُ الْمُعْلِكُ الْمُكِلِكُ الْمُلْكُمُ الْمُعْلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكُلُولُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُ الْمُلْكُلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ الْمُلْكُلِكُ الْمُلْكِلِكُونُ ا

4. لُا لِمُصْلَ هَى عَبِّكُمُا إِلَى وَالْ شَيْلُ وَلَا هُيكُا وَلَيْكُما حَلَّصْلُا وَلَيْكُما حَلَّصْلُا وَحَبُّوه هِي سَدُنْتُولُا وَحَبُّوه هِي سَدُنْتُولُا

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XII. A. Find out the rhyming words of

XII. B. Give the meaning of the following:

XII. C. Translate the following:

XII.D. Conjugate the following

XII.E. Add pronominal suffixes to the following

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Lesson 13

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SYRIAC LANGUAGE

Syriac belongs to the Semitic family of languages, and is a dialect of Aramaic. Aramaic is one of the oldest languages known to the world. The history of Aramaic goes back to the second millennium B.C. In the time of Alexander the Great, Aramaic was the official language of all the nations from Asia Minor to Persia, from Armenia to Arabian Peninsula. It was divided into two dialects: the Western, used in Palestine and Syria by the Jews, Palmyrans, and Nabateans; the Eastern, spoken in Babylonia by the Jews, Mandeans, Manichaens, and the people of Upper Mesopotamia. Aramaic is a member of Western Asian family, called Semitic group (the name Semitic-after Shem, Noah's son). Other members of the family include Ethiopic, Phoenician, Akkadian, Hebrew, Arabic etc. Among all other Semitic languages, Aramaic has the pre-eminence.

I. Aramaic Language

I.1. <u>History of Aramaic Language</u>

Aramaic was the oldest of all the Semitic languages. There are many reliable and historical evidences about the antiquity of the Aramaic language. The Holy Bible also solemnly testifies it's pre-eminence. When the Holy Bible refers to Laban, Jacob's maternal uncle, he is styled as an Aramaen. The language employed when Jacob made an agreement with Laban was Aramaic. This may be the oldest written document in Aramaic. Abraham and the early fathers used Aramaic even before they settled in the land of Canaan. Aramaic got its name from the region Aram, which is named after Aram, the fifth son of Shem and the grandson of Noah; while Hebrew traces its origin from Heber, the great grandson of Noah. Aram includes the present eastern Syria, and northern

Iraq. The inhabitants of Aram were called Aramaens. Their language was known as Aramaic. Abraham and other early patriarchs spoke Aramaic before they settled in Canaan. Thera, the father of Abraham with his family left Ur and settled in Paddan Aram where too Aramaic was the spoken language.

The Arameans were highly civilized people and they used 22 letters of linear alphabet. They used this for writing even before 10 BC. When the Assyrians conquered Arameans, their expert clerks were employed in the Assyrian government. Assyrians were using cuneiform. But when they found that the linear alphabet used by the Aramaen clerks are easier than theirs in different aspects, they too adopted the linear alphabets and thus Aramaic got popularity in Assyria.

In the 8th century B.C, the Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel and deported most of its inhabitants to Assyria, where Israelites settled permanently and adopted the local language, Aramaic. In 702 B.C, the envoys of the Assyrian king Sennacherib, were asked to speak Aramaic by the Jerusalem authorities. In 7th and 6th centuries B.C, when Nabukadnasar invaded the kingdom of Judah and enslaved the natives to Babylonia, their spoken language also was Aramaic. During and after this Babylonian exile, Aramaic was continued as the spoken language of the Jewish people and, in fact, Hebrew was trans placed by Aramaic.

During the Chaldean Empire, Aramaic became the common language of Western Asia. The Persians succeeded to the Chaldeans in the 6th century B.C, and established the Ahaemenid Empire. Aramaic became the official language of this empire.

In the 4th century B.C Aramaic became the commercial and official language of all the nations of Western Asia, from Asia Minor to Persia and from Armenia to the Arabian Peninsula.

I.2 Aramaic becomes a Biblical language

After the Babylonian captivity Hebrew became a dead language. So the people could not understand the readings of the Bible in the Synagogues. So after reading the Holy Scriptures in Hebrew, they were translated into Aramaic to be intelligible to the younger generations and to the common people. In the course of time these translations were written down and were called 'Targum'. During this period parts of some of the Books of the Bible were also written in Aramaic. For example, parts of I Ezra, Jeremiah, Daniel, and second part of Mosaic Law. Later in the 1st century AD, the gospel of St. Mathew was written in Aramaic language.

I.3. Aramaic Language during the time of Jesus Christ

Aramaic was the literary as well as spoken language at the time of Christ. We know more about the Aramaic language during the time of Christ from the books written in this period. In fact the pre-Christian literature was mostly Biblical. But the Jewish historian Flavius Joseph wrote his masterpiece "Jewish War" in Aramaic.

It was the language in which Christ made manifest to mankind his Holy Gospel - the truths, precepts and counsels of the Christian revelation. Aramaic is one of the three languages in which Books or parts of the Books of the Holy Bible were originally written. The gospel of St. Mathew was written in Aramaic. The other Evangelists, who wrote

their gospels in Greek made use of various Aramaic names, words and phrases. Most of the names of persons and places found in the New Testament for eg: Thoma, Martha, Abba, Racca, Gehanna, Rabbi, Barjona, Barabbas, Kepha, Bethsaida, Gagultha, Bethlahem, Hakkeldama, Silohaetc, and some of the words of Jesus Christ such as, 'Thlisakoom' (girl, rise up,Mk.5:41), 'El, El, Lma Sbakthan' (my God, my God why have you forsaken me? Mt.27:46) etc. are purely Aramaic which are retained even in the Greek Version of the Bible.

II. Syriac Language

II. 1. Origin and Development of Syriac

Syriac emerged as an independent Aramaic dialect in the early 1st century A.D. It started out simply as the local Aramaic dialect of Edessa. Later it came to be adopted as the literary language of Aramaic speaking Christians all over Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia was a part of Assyrian empire. When this Aramaic dialect became the spoken language of the whole Assyrian empire, it was called the Assyrian or Syrian language. In course of time the names Arameans and Aramaic were changed into Syrians and Syriac. Under the influence of Christianity it developed considerably, and eventually became the liturgical and literary language of all the Churches from the shores of the Mediterranean to the centre of Persia. In Syria proper and western Mesopotamia Syriac was first used simultaneously with Greek. The period from the middle of the 5th century to the end of the 7th was the most shining period of Syriac literature. Syriac influenced the common people more than any other Semitic languages. If we go through history we can see that Syrian settlements were there in Asia Minor, India,

Assyria, and in Babylon, and in these regions Syriac flourished as a common language

II. 2. Two centers of learning which helped the development of Syriac



Map of the Sassanid Empire - showing the 5 provinces back in Persian hands – Nisibis and Edessa are in the upper left hand corner between the upper Tigris and Euphrates

The development in the Syriac language was initiated and fostered by two centers of thought-Edessa and Nisibis. Edessa was a center of Aramean culture even before the 1st century AD. Certain developments in Syriac language were initiated at Edessa in the 3rd century AD. During this period Edessa was part of Roman Empire. Large number of Christians fearing persecution under the Persian king Sapor II came to this Christian centre and settled there. St. Ephrem was one among them. It was St. Ephrem who founded the Christian school of Edessa. The development of the Syriac language was pushed forward in the 3rd and succeeding centuries by the famous Christian school of

Edessa. The Syriac developed in Edessa is known as west Syriac. Nisibis was another center, which helped the development of Syriac language. Nisibis became a center of learning after the origin of Nestorianism. The famous school of Nisibis was established by Narsai the greatest among the Nestorian writers. He began his career in Edessa. But as a Nestorian he and his colleagues were expelled from Edessa. They went to Nisibis and developed the school of Nisibis. The Syriac language that developed in Nisibis is called East Syriac.



The once wealthy and influential city of Edessa, looking from the citadel above the city.

II. 3. The development of East Syriac and West Syriac Scripts

There were some progressive changes in Syriac language in the 3rd and succeeding centuries. The Syriac language developed in two lines- East Syriac and West Syriac. Estrangela is the most ancient form of Aramaic script. The word Estrangela is a composite of two words 'Sitrum'= Character and 'Ingil' = Gospel. Thus Estrangela means Bible character. This script was used for writing copies of the Bible, hence

the name. It had no proper vowel system. Words were pronounced according to the meaning and circumstances. East Syriac and West Syriac are two dialects of Estrangela originated due to the division of territories where Syriac was a living language, as Eastern part under the dominion of the Persian Sassanid's (up to seventh century) and Western part dominated by emperors of Greek Byzantium. East Syriac script was developed by the school of Nisibis. It achieved permanent shape before the 7th century. West Syriac script was developed by the school of Edessa and brought to final shape before the 9th century. With the adoption of these two scripts for common use, the Estrangela script became an ornamental script for titles of books and chapters. In fact these two dialects are not two different languages but are only modified versions of Estrangela. Both these dialects have same vocabulary, grammar and literature. The main differences consist in the script (way of writing the letters), vowel system and pronunciation.

II. 4. Origin and Development of the Vowel System in Syriac

These letters were called mothers of reading. But this system of vowels was not sufficiently defined in writing and correct pronunciation of words by the common people became almost difficult.

Later a system of dots was developed. It consisted of putting dots above or below the letters in order to denote the vowels. This system was

also inadequate. In the new system one or more dots placed in different position above or below the consonants to represent the various vowels. It was developed in Nisibis by East Syrians like Narsai and Joseph Houzaya. The West Syrians began to use the forms of Greek vowels in the place of East Syrian dots. The East Syrians in most cases have kept the original pronunciation.

II. 5. The pre-eminence of Syriac language over other Semitic Languages

Syriac was once the Lingua Franca (implied meaning-Common peoples language) of the Middle East. It was the vernacular of an ancient and popular nation that occupied a great part of Asia, Africa etc. After Latin and Greek there is none more useful than Syriac to the Biblical study, Theology, and Ecclesiastical history. Large number of books was written which cover every branch of activity of Syrian people. The literary Aramaic or Syriac is very voluminous. As the literary language of Aramaic speaking Christianity, it spread worldwide along with the spread of Christianity. Although the literature of Aramaic is mostly religious, it covers every branch of knowledge like biblical lore, commentaries on Bible, liturgy, asceticism, astronomy, apologetics, history, theology, legends, civil and canon law, philosophy, poetry, grammar, natural science, physical science, mathematics, medicine etc. 'Peshita', the Syriac version of the Old Testament of the Bible, is the oldest monument of literary Syriac. More than 150 great authors, through their innumerable volumes of works, enriched the language from second to 14th century A.D. The libraries of Europe and those of some eastern monasteries which are of easy access possess nearly 3000

manuscripts, containing the greater part of these works. The treasures in their masterpieces are yet to be hunted.

Besides the original Syriac works, there were numerous translations and adaptations from other languages mainly from Greek. They include works of Aristotle and his school. Greek philosophy and science were made known to the Arab world through these translations and commentaries in Syriac. Translation from Arabic into Latin helped Greek philosophy to reach Western Europe. Thus Syriac played as a link in the chain of transmission of Greek philosophy and science to the Western Europe.

The most important canters of Syriac literature were Edessa, Nisibis, Sarug, Amid, Mabbug, Selucia-Ctesiphon, Arbela, Beth Lapet and Qatar.

II. 6. Syriac as a liturgical language

Syriac had been a flourishing language for many centuries until the Arab conquest, which imposed Arabic on Syrians. After the Arab conquest literary Syriac became a dead language like Sanskrit, Latin and Greek. But it continued to be the liturgical language of the churches of Western Asia and India. Till recently East Syriac was the liturgical language of the Nestorians and the East Syrian Catholics of Western Asia and the Syro-Malabar Christians of Kerala. West Syriac was used by the Jacobites and the Maronites and the West Syrians and the Syro-Malankara Catholics of Kerala. The importance of Syriac as a living language was lost around 800 A.D. But still it has been used as a spoken language in isolated villages in Labanon and Mesapotemia.

Considering its historicity, richness in contribution to the world literature, culture, trade and religion, elegance and style, a detailed study of this classical language is highly essential and profitable.

II. 7. Syriac Loan Words in Malayalam

Syriac language had its entrance to Kerala from 4th Century B.C. onwards. It was raised to the status of liturgical language with the coming of St. Thomas one of the Apostles of Jesus Christ in 52 A.D. The Syrian immigrations of the 4th and 9th Century A.D. strengthened its growth along with other languages. The centuries-old presence of Syriac language enriched the vocabulary of the Malayalam language and influenced the Kerala culture. Many Syriac words, phrases and proper names became part and parcel of the day today language of the native people. Some of these are commonly used and accepted words in Malayalam and others are used in the ecclesiastical circles only.

Some of the Syriac words commonly used in Malayalam are given below:

a) Proper Names

യേശു മിശിഹാ	تَقُولًا حَقْسُلًا
മറിയാം	مُد:عُم
യൗസേഷ്	<u> ച</u> ര്
റൂഹ് കുദ്ശാ	ۋەسقەرىما
യോഹന്നാൻ മാംദാനാ	ئەئىئى محمئال

b) Apostles

دُلْفًا دُهـ

പൗലോസ് യമ്മ

തോമാ പ്രി

യാക്കോബ് ച്

പീലിഷോസ് യാമ്പ്

ബർണ്ണബാ ട്രീട്

c) The Evangelists

ഏവൻഗലിസ്താ ഗ്രഹ്സ്റ്റ്

മത്തായി

മർക്കോസ് യമ്മാ

ലൂക്കാ ഗ്രീ

യോഹനാൻ പ്ര്ക്

d) Angels

മാലാഖാ ച്ച്ച് ച്

മിഖായേൽ 🔪 ച്ച്ഫ്

ഗബ്രിയേൽ

റഷായേൽ 🔪 📜 💃

കോബന്മാർ ട്രീ

മുട്ടി ഉപ്പെടെ ക്ര

സാത്താൻ	ھُھُئا
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e)

Places	*
ഊർശ്ളെം	أُەزھكى
ബേത ്ലഹോ	<i>څ</i> ملاحثىم
ബ്ഥാനിയാ	څېلځيئ ل
ഗ്ലീലാ	پگنگر
ഗോഗുൽത്താ	المُكُومِينُ
ബേസ്പുർക്കാനാ	صُلِقُه;مُنُا

f) Other Proper Names

ഗീവർഗ്ഗീസ്	رهدي و والمحادث
അമ്മാനുഭവൽ	کمنگه از کا
എസ്തഷാനോസ്	်ကြွဲတြဲထ
ഹന്നാ	ئىد
സെബസ്ത്യാനോസ്	യുട്ടിയായ
ഹേറോദോസ്	ထာဝနှံနိုင္တဲ့
പീലാത്തോസ്	قْـکهٔوه
ആഗുസ്തീനോസ്	യവുന്നു എന്
അഭപ്രം	آھ <u>ڙ</u> ھ
അന്തോനീസ്	نْصِيْمِهُ أَ
ഏലീശ്ബാ	ٱلأسمدُ
റയാതാ	ٮٞۏؙٛڂٳ
കൽദായാ	کْبُط
പ്രീശാ	دزُّمهُا

യാക്കോബായാ	ئەدكىل
ആബോ	ٱُحُا
ആബൂൻ	رِحْأ

g) Ecclesiastical Names

أقعمو എഷിസ്ക്കോഷാ ڡؙڿۥٚۓۥؙڂؙڵ പാത്രിയാർക്കാ മെത്രാൻ شؠؙؙڡؙػؠۿؙٳ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്താ چەنگ മപ്രിയാൻ هُو وُا സാഹദാ നിബിയ കശീശാ حمصمنا മ്ശംശ്ശോനോ مُحَوْنًا മൽപോനോ ۆ**ک** റമ്പാൻ ككعثا അൽമായാ مُثُونًا കാനോന مُدن മാർ مُذلِ മാർത്ത مُکنّ മോറാൻ خُنِه منعُل ബസ് ക്യോമോ ദയറായാ <u>هُووِئْلًا</u> മൗദ്യാനാ ശ്ലീഹാ

	ശുബ ക്കോനോ	هُوحِفُيْل
h)	Liturgy	
	ഠാസാ	اژهٔ <u>ز</u>
	കുർബ്ബാനാ	مُّەزْدُئْل
	കൂദാശാ	قُە بُھُل
	മദ്ബഹാ	مُّرِحسُّل
	രബമ്മ ാ	ثىعُا
	മാമേമാദീസാ	مُحمُّه أِمكُا
	amo	مُعبيًا
	കാസാ	حُهُا
	പീലാസാ	قُىكْھُا
	അർക്കദിയാക്കോൻ	آؤمُ,کُه
	ദിയാക്കോൻ	رمڅذه
	പർദൈസാ	ڞؙڔؙٞؠۿؙڶ
	റുശ്മാ	ۋەھ ىڭل
	ൊശാനാ	أُهُمُلُ
	ഏവൻഗേലിയോൻ	ر مثر هُوُهُ
	ഹല്ലേലൂയ്യാ	لدُهُ مُ
	ഹൈക്കലാ	مُحلُلا
	പെസഹാ	فُرسُا
	അന്നീദാ	کنی ا
	ദുക്റാനാ	حُتُّبُا وَّه دَزُنُل أُمَّم الْمُحِصُل
	ആമ്മേൻ	أُمُّب
	തക്സാ	لْصُعِزُ

ഖബ്റാ	مُحزُا
ഹാശ്ശാ	شما
ഹുഭസായോ	شەھئا
മാറാനായാ	هُزُنْمُا
തൃക്കാസാ	ڸؙۿڠؙۄڲ۫
ക്യംതാ	مئحكًا
ബോവൂസാ	حُكُّه لُّال
സെദറാ	ۿؠۏؙؙٳ
ഈറേ	کُتُّ
സ്ക്കീഷാ	رمُّے
മൗത്ബോ	مُعادُا
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i) Liturgical Seasons

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j) Bible Quotations

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k) Divine Office

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l) Names of Institutions

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m) Liturgical Vestments കൊത്തീനാ

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കാഷാ	حُفُا
മസ്നപ്സ	مُ بِعُدُا

All these are clear examples of the influence of Syriac Language on the Malayalam Vocabulary. These loan words are still alive among many Christians in Kerala as a remnant of the centuries -old presence of Syriac here.



XIII. A. Make a comparison between different scripts of Syriac

Estrangela

East Syriac.

West Syriac

- XIII. B. Make a project on the Syriac loan words in Malayalam.
- XIII. C. Prepare an assignment on the ancient Syriac inscriptions in Kerala
- XIII. D. Find out some of the famous Syriac works and their authors.
- XIII. E. Prepare a paper on the Golden age of Syriac literature.
- XIII.F. Write short notes on the following topic

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- 1 Pre-eminence of Syriac
- 2 Two centers of learning which helped the development of Syriac
- 3 Syriac language at the time of Jesus Christ
- 4 Syriac loan words in Malayalam
- 7 Origin of vowel system in Syriac
- 8 Similarities and differences between East Syriac and West Syriac

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Lesson 14

SYRIAC TRADITION IN INDIA

The Church in India, which is as old as Christianity itself existing in the heart of Asia, has a unique apostolic heritage. Its existence outside Greco-Roman world helped her to safeguard the uniqueness of the early Christian traditions free from the politico-religious reality of the Roman Empire. Western influence started with the arrival of the Portuguese and it became dominant during the Latin rule over this church from 1599.

1. APOSTOLIC ORIGIN OF THE CHURCH OF THE ST. THOMAS CHRISTIANS



The origin of Christianity in India is the result of the apostolate of St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. According to traditions, after preaching the gospel in Persia, Media, Bactria and other places, St. Thomas came to India. He landed in Malyankara, near Kodungallore in 52 A.D. St. Thomas preached the gospel in important centers of Kerala and

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established the churches in Niranam, Kollam, Chayal, Kokkamangalam, Kottakkav, Kodungallore and Palayur. In order to sustain the apostolic succession he ordained a prince by name KEPA as the bishop and entrusted the administration of the church to him. Leaving Malabar, he went to the eastern coast of India, especially to the present Tamilnadu region. He was martyred in 72 A.D. and was buried in Mylapore.

In the words of Dr. Mingana, "There is no historian, no poet, no liturgy, no Breviary, no writer of any kind, who having had the opportunity of speaking about St. Thomas, does not associate his name with India." Dr. Farquar, cardinal Tisserant and many other historians firmly assert the historicity of the apostolate of St. Thomas in India. The Christian community in India, by name, 'St. Thomas Christians' (Marthomma Nazranikal) is a living testimony to the life and works of St. Thomas in India. "What may even today be seen and heard in such places as Palayur, Paravoor, Kokkamangalam and Niranam cannot be easily dismissed as absolutely legendary, since these places point to the definite spots and families related to St. Thomas." (Podipara P.J.)

II. ANCIENT WRITINGS AND ART FORMS

II.1. Acts of Judas Thomas

This is a Syriac book written towards the end of second century A.D. in Eddessa. It speaks of the works of St. Thomas in India, especially in the kingdom of Gundapher. According to the Acts of Thomas St. Thomas came to India with Haban an officer of the Indian king Gundapher. While Haban was searching for an architect to build a beautiful palace for the king Jesus Christ himself introduced Thomas to him as an architect. As soon as they reached India Thomas was entrusted with the task of building the palace. He got a large sum of money from the king and distributed it to the poor and the needy.

Thomas was arrested and put in jail for this offence. By this time the younger brother of the king died due to a serious illness. Apostle Thomas revived him miraculously. The boy had a vision in which he saw a beautiful mansion in heaven built by St. Thomas. The king was convinced that by distributing the money to the poor Thomas was actually building a beautiful palace in heaven. St. Thomas converted the king and many of his subjects. He then proceeded to another kingdom of Masday and preached the gospel there also. The book ends with the glorious martyrdom of the Apostle.

Recent excavations brought to light coins and inscriptions bearing the name of king Gundapher. This adds to the credibility of the 'Acts of Thomas'. It is probable that the name Gundapher is another version of the king Kandaper to whom Malabar tradition connects St. Thomas. Though many of the details in the book are legendary the central theme i. e. the apostolate of St. Thomas in India is historical.

II.2. Rampan pattu (Thoma parvam)

The living tradition of the apostolate of St. Thomas is given in the Rampan pattu written by Niranath Maliekal Thoma Rampan a disciple of St. Thomas. A summary of the original was written by a priest by name Thomas of the same family (48th in the line of succession of Thoma Rampan) in 1601. This is the song now available under the name 'Rampan pattu.' Rampanpattu gives a very ancient narration about the apostolate of St. Thomas in India. It treats extensively about the journey of St. Thomas. According to Rampanpattu, St. Thomas landed in Malyankara (Cranganore) with Haban the merchant. St. Thomas worked great miracles and established a church in the town of Kodungalloor. Then he went to Mylapore where he preached the Gospel of the Lord and embarked for China. He returned to Mylapore again. The son-inlaw of the king of Thiruvanchikulam came to Mylapore and requested St.

Thomas to return to Malabar. The king, his family and many of his subjects accepted the faith in Jesus. Rampanpattu also speaks about the seven churches founded by St. Thomas.

II. 3. Margamkali pattu

Margamkali is one of the ancient group dances of Kerala practiced by St. Thomas Christians (also known as Syrian Christians or Nasranikal). The songs used in this dance are of very ancient origin. It is almost similar to 'Rampan Pattu' (Thoma Parvam) in content. "Margam" means path or way in Malayalam, but in the religious context it is known as the path to attain salvation.



This dance involves 12 people and they dance around a Vilakku (Lighted lamp) in a circular manner. The 12 members in the group are considered as the 12 Apostles of Jesus Christ. The lighted lamp represents Jesus Christ. The song which is sung during this play is very old

probably before the time of the Portuguese invasion. It has 14 strophes and about 450 lines. It is the leader of the dance group called as the Asan who sings the song. The other members in the group sing the chorus. The language used for the song is a combination of both Malayalam and Tamil.

In the olden times, this dance was a source of entertainment or a recreational activity for the Christian soldiers. But now it is considered as a compulsory performance in the Syrian Christian wedding and other auspicious occasions. This dance is seen commonly in the districts Kottayam and Thrissur. Traditionally only men perform this art, but now women also started to perform this dance. It is now performed in stages and also as a competitive dance. The costume of the performers is a white dhoti and they wear a peacock feather on their turban. The women wear the traditional dress of the Christians which is the Chattayum Mundum.

II. 4. Parichamuttukali



Parichamuttukali is a martial art form performed by the Christians of northern and central Kerala. The participants use sword and paricha (a kind of offensive weapon). The steps are similar to the margamkali but they are in quick tempo. The costumes of participants are similar to the warriors of old age. There are separate parichamuttukali songs. They may consider as folksongs praising God and St. Thomas, the apostles of Jesus Christ.

The group is usually headed by a leader called Asan around whom the rest of the dancers perform. The Asan sing songs to the chimes of a bell. Musical accompaniment is restricted to ilathalam and the din made by the rhythmic clapping of swords and shields. As the pace of the dance gradually heightens, the music also reaches a crescendo.

It is a group dance with the dancers holding sword and shield made of wood in their hands, following the movements of sword fight, leaping forward, stepping back and moving round. The dancers are usually dressed in a white loin cloth with red wrist-bands and sing in chorus as they dance. They dance according to the rhythm of recital.

Usually boys between the ages of twelve and twenty one take part in Parichamuttu. The steps of the dance and the themes of the songs have martial art connotations and the dance form is believed to be older than the famous martial art of Kerala known as Kalarippayattu.

II. 5. Veeradian Pattu (Panan pattu)



Veeradian or panan is a particular caste of people. Panan means one who sings. They go from house to house singing melodiously for which they get some remuneration. When the Panan goes to Hindu homes he would sing Hindu song whereas in Christian houses they would

sing Christian songs and sing certain songs praising St. Thomas the Apostle. These songs describe the activities of St. Thomas, the arrival of Thomas of Knai (Knai Thoma) and the religious tolerance. Dr P A Thomas in 1936 printed a few lines of Panan pattu under the title *Panan varvum Panan pokkum* in his book **History of Christians in India**.

III. MARTYRDOM AND THE TOMB OF ST. THOMAS AT MYLAPORE



The Church at St. Thomas Mount

St. Thomas was martyred while praying on the top of a hill near Mylapore in 72 A.D. and was buried in Mylapore. Mylapore was a center of trade in the first and second centuries of the Christian era. This town was also known as 'Kalamina'. For example, Isidore of Seville (638 A.D.) uses the word Kalamina for Mylapore. Probably this name comes from the Syriac word 'galmona' which means little mount (Chinna mala) which is closely associated with the martyrdom of St. Thomas. This name was in common use up to the 12th century.

There are two places in Mylapore which is associated with the martyrdom of St. Thomas – the Periya mala (St. Thomas Mount) and the Chinna mala (little mount). Periya mala is about 10 km from Madras. St. Thomas was martyred while he had been praying on the top of this hill. Chinna mala is about 3 km away from the St. Thomas Mount. There is a cave on this

hill where St. Thomas used to pray. On the walls of the cave we find a cross, believed to have been carved in stone by St. Thomas himself.



Tomb of St. Thomas at Mylapore

Christians from different parts of India especially the St. Thomas Christians of Malabar used to make pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Thomas. The history of this pilgrimage goes back to the first century. It is a valid proof that St. Thomas died in Mylapore. In the fourth century St. Ephrem the great father of the church speaks about the tomb of St. Thomas in (Mylapore) India. It is recorded that in the 6th century A.D, Theodore a Syrian pilgrim visited the tomb of St. Thomas in Mylapore. In 833 A.D, Alfred the great king of England sent a group of pilgrims with offerings to the holy tomb of St. Thomas in Mylapore as a thanksgiving for the victory he gained over the Danes. In the 9th century a few Arab travelers visited the tomb of the Apostle. In their writings they address Mylapore by the name 'Beth Thoma' (House of Thomas). Marco Polo, the Venitian traveler, visited the tomb in 1293. He says, "The tomb of St. Thomas in Mylapore is as famous as that of St. Peter in Rome." There are many similar historical records which also show that St. Thomas the Apostle was venerated highly in Mylapore.

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Archeological studies made in Mylapore and Arikamedu by the Indian Archeology Department also add to the credibility of the ancient tradition about the tomb of St. Thomas in Mylapore.

IV. THE SEVEN CHURCHES ESTABLISHED BY ST. THOMAS



IV. 1. Kodungallore

St. Thomas the Apostle landed in Malyankara near Kodungallore in 52 A.D. Kodungallore was the most important town in Kerala (Malabar). It was the capital of the Chera Empire. Kodungallore, known as Musiris in the whole ancient world, and where St. Thomas the Apostle first landed in India, was till the 15th century the "Rome" of India both as the centre of the Indian Church and as its gateway to world-trade through its famous harbor at the mouth of the river Periyar. Many ancient travelers describe Musiris as a glorious city in the East. Jews called Singly (Thiruvanchikulam). It was also known as 'Mahodayapattanam'. Kodungallore was a port and center of trade. There was Jewish colony in and around the town. Plini calls it the most important center of trade in India. Kodungallore lost its importance due to the Arab invasion and decline of Chera Empire.

IV. 2. Palayur



When St. Thomas arrived in India Palayur was a predominantly Brahmin area. Brahmins had a temple with a pond near to it. St. Thomas performed a miracle in this pond and 32 Brahmin families believed in him. They include families like Sankarapuri, Pakalomattam, Kalliankavu, Nedumpally, etc. They established a church there. Palayur was also a center of trade. There was a Jewish colony near to the town. The church at Palayur is unique that, the present church has a continuous history of two millennia and stands on the same spot where Apostle first established it.

IV. 3. Kottakavu



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Kottakavu is near the present Paravoor town. This place had direct contact with Malyankara near Kodungallore where St. Thomas landed in 52 A.D. It was a very ancient Jewish settlement. Even now there is a Jewish synagogue there. The historical remnants of the works of St. Thomas and his church can be found even now in this place.

IV. 4. Kokamangalam



The place is near Thannirmukam, 20 miles from Cochin. It is near the sea cost. In the first centuries of the Christian era ships coming from Kodungallore to Kollam touched this place. The area was fertile and densely populated at the time when St. Thomas came to India. First it was a Buddhist center. Then it turned to be a Brahmin settlement. After the arrival St. Thomas it became a Christian area. St. Thomas founded a cross in this place. But it was thrown away by his opponents into the sea. It landed near Pallipuram and people of that area found out the cross and this is said to be the origin of Pallipuram Church.

IV. 5. Niranam



The village of Niranam is in the upper Kuttanad area. In the first and second centuries after Christ it was an internationally reputed center of trade. Plini (of Rome) and Ptolemy (of Alexandria) speak of this place. St. Thomas the Apostle founded a Church in Niranam. The church underwent many reconstructions and modifications. At present, the fourth building is in the place of the original Church that was believed to be founded by Apostle St. Thomas. Roman coins excavated from this region prove the antiquity of this place.

IV. 6. Kollam



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From ancient time onwards Kollam was a well-known port. It linked the trade from Burma, China and Indo-China with that of Eastern countries. There was a Chinese colony in Kollam. St. Thomas preached the gospel in Kollam and established a Church. Historical evidences show that there existed a Christian community from the first century onwards. It was strengthened by migration of Christian migration from Persia under Bishops Mar Sapor and Mar Proth in the 9th century.

IV. 7. Nilackal or Chayal



According to tradition St. Thomas established a church in Nilackal and stayed there for a year. At present Nilackal lies deep in the forest. This ancient town linked Pandya kingdom with the seacoast. A trade route from the Pandya kingdom to the Arabian Sea passed through the town of Nilackal. In course of time Nilackal became a Christian center. The place was abandoned by the Christians due to invasion from outside especially from the Pandya region.

V. THE EARLY DAYS OF MALABAR CHURCH

From the death of St. Thomas till the 4th century very little is known about the Christian Church in India. The most important events that can be traced in history are:-

- 1. The arrival of Panthenus in India (190 A.D.)
- 2. Transfer of the relics of St. Thomas to Edessa.
- 3. Immigration of Syrian Christians from Persia under Thomas of Knai

V. 1. The arrival of Panthenus in India in 190 A.D.

The Indian Church had to face some persecutions in the early days. The Christians had to confront with the learned scholars of other religious sects. They needed the help of a scholar to defend their faith. This was the circumstance which led to the arrival of Panthenus in India.

Panthenus was the Rector of the famous ecclesiastical Alexandrian University. He was very much known for his learning and sanctity. Some of the Christians from India went to Alexandria and requested bishop Demetrius to send them a scholar. In response, the bishop sent Panthenus to India. This historical event is narrated in the writings of Eusebius and St. Jerome. St. Jerome has written very vivid about his journey to India. Panthenus could successfully defend the Christian faith before the scholars.

When Panthenus returned to Alexandria the Indian Christians presented him a very rare and precious book, a copy of the Gospel of St. Mathew. This Gospel was written in Aramaic (Syriac). Most probably the St. Thomas Christians received this book from St. Thomas himself. They used to read this book in their churches. From this it is clear that the Indian Christians were well versed in Syriac and Syriac was their liturgical language from the first century onwards.

V. 2. Transfer of the Relics of St. Thomas to Edessa

It is from the writings of St. Ephrem that we know about the transfer of the relics of St. Thomas the Apostle from India to Edessa. It was

done by a merchant called Khabin. The sacred relics were kept in Edessa for a long time and it was afterwards transferred to Orthona in Italy. We do not know exactly the date of its transfer from India to Edessa. But it is believed to have occurred during the 3rd century.

V. 3. <u>Immigration of Syrian Christians from Persia under Thomas of Knai</u>



The St. Thomas Christians of Malabar had trade connections with the Syrians of Persia and Babylon. This relation became more intimate because of immigration of Christians from Persia in the 4th century. In 345 A.D. a group of Christians immigrated into Malabar under the leadership of a merchant called Thomas of Knai. The group

consisted of 72 Christian families.

According to tradition the Bishop of Edessa Mar Joseph had a vision of St. Thomas who commanded him to send someone to tend his flock in Malabar. Historians say that the real cause of this immigration was persecution of Christians in Edessa under the Persian emperor Sapor II.

With the immigrant Christians it is said there was one Bishop and four priests. They traveled to India in 3 ships from Mesopotamia and landed at Kodungallore, the capital of the Chera Empire. Thomas of Knai was a powerful and wealthy merchant. He impressed the Perumal very much with his exceptional qualities. So the Perumal gave him a royal welcome and treated him with great respect. The king assigned to Thomas and his followers extensive lands near his capital city and they settled down there. He also built a Church for them. The Perumal conferred upon the Christians many honours

and privileges. The Christians were made lords of many castes and masters of trade. These privileges were granted to them in a copper plate or 'Cheppedu' Because of these exceptional privileges the Christians were respected and honored by all.

Tradition connects with this group of Christians, which was led by Thomas of Knai, the origin of southist community of Christians in Kerala. The members of this community are called 'thekkumbhagar' or 'southists'. The name originated as they first resided in the southern part of Kodungalloor. Other Christians who resided in the northern part of Kodungalloor were called 'Vadakkumbhagar' or the 'Northists'. This division exists even today among the Malabar Christians.

Effects of this Immigration

There were many favorable effects to the immigration of Persian Christians.

- 1. It caused a new line of episcopacy in Malabar. Then onwards the Malabar Church came to be ruled by Persian Bishops.
- 2. The arrival of these Christians increased the prestige and strength of the Malabar Church.
- 3. It helped the Malabar Church to carry on commercial relations and trade with foreign countries like Egypt, Venice etc.
- 4. The Syriac language and Syrian liturgy became more popular among Malabar Christians.
- 5. It paved the way for the emergence of two sets of Syrian Christians in India namely the 'Thekkumbhagakar' and 'Vadakkumbhagakar'.



XIV. A. Prepare a project on the ancient folk arts of St. Thomas Christians

Margam Kali

Paricha muttu Kali

Rampan Pattu

Veeradian Pattu

- XIV. B. Write a paper on the Syrian immigrations to Kerala and their contribution to Syriac language and Kerala culture.
- XIV. C. Prepare a project on the ancient tradition of the Knanaya community in Kerala.
- XIV. D. Write a paper on the cheppeds and the religious tolerance of Cheraman Perumal.
- XIV. E. Give notes on the following
 - 1 Knai Thomas and the First Syrian Immigration
 - 3 Martyrdom of St.Thomas
 - 5 Kodungallore
 - 6 Panthenus
 - 7 Seven Churches Founded by St. Thomas

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REVISION TEST

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II. Provide Syriac letters to the following cardinal numbers

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III. Rewrite the following sentences changing the forms of the underlined words. Follow the example

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V. Translate in to English

- 1. زُحنًا لُحُا
- 2. گُلا يُومُلا
- 3. أى خَمْكُعُل
- 4. قُوم حُمِكُمُا
 - 5. كُولًا وْسُعِلًا
- Complete the sentences with correct forms VI.
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 - 3. سُرِ مُكُل : لمُوْل
 - 4. حَاْ كُمُّنا : كُمُتا

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