Correcting a mistake in the language

When saying the supplication "may Allah bless you", some of the people say...

(Baaraka Allahu feek)

And some say...

(Baraka Allahu feek)

The difference between pronouncing the two statements is only one letter; the Alif (الف) after the letter baa, while the difference in meanings between the two statements is tremendous.

When you consider that the phrase is a supplication in which we are invoking Allah the Exalted to carry out an action, then it is befitting that we are diligent in pronouncing it correctly.

is form three of the verb , this form of the verb means to bless

Allah's Name () is the Doer of the action in this sentence. Allah is the One whom we are asking to do the action.

meaning literality "in you"

Therefore in this noble supplication we are asking Allah the Exalted to bless the person we are speaking to, or to place blessing in them.¹

In contrast, the verb (baraka) is form one, this verb means (استناخ) to kneel down!

So it becomes clear that is not the correct form of the verb to use.

form two of the verb also means to invoke a blessing; this form has a Shadda on the raa.

This form of the verb can be found in the following Hadith.

Imam Muslim, may Allah have mercy upon him, said it has been narrated by Aaisha the wife of the Prophet , "the children used to be brought to the to Messenger of Allah

so he would invoke blessings for them and place a date on their palate, so one of the children that was brought to him urinated on him, so he requested some water and poured the water over the urine and he did not wash it."

Below is a brief discussion on the topic with references and notes taken and translated from sahab.net.

http://www.sahab.net/forums/showthread.php?t=338652

The active participle is

is a simple three letter root verb	o, its' verbal noun is as	
we find in the statement ()) "the camel's kneeling".	
This form of the word also appears in the	he Hadith	
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"When one of you prostrates let him not prostrate as a camel prostrates."		
The active participle (), note the action, is	neaning the one doing	
The passive participle () me action of kneeling fell upon, is	eaning the thing the	
is a three letter root verb that has b The verbal noun is	peen increased by one letter.	

The passive participle is , meaning that which is blessed, as we find in the statement of Allah the Exalted }

"And this is a blessed Book (the Quran) which We have sent down, so follow it and fear Allah, that you may receive mercy. iv

Similarly it can be said that the commonly used phrase " " (mabrook) is also incorrect according to the rules of the Arabic language, and it would be more correct from a language point of view to say...

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As for our saying to an individual " " then this means "may a camel kneel down upon you and settle."

So this statement can be considered more of a supplication against the person than it is a supplication for them.

Although the Noble Scholar Sheikh Uthamin, may Allah have mercy upon him, allows it due to its wide spread use among the common people.

The Noble Sheikh was asked...

Q: What is the ruling on congratulating a person by saying to them considering that it is said that this phrase is taken from the word so it is as though you are saying "may a camel kneel down upon you", and this phrase is not taken from the word , the phrase that actually means blessings?

Answer: The correct phrase should come from (blessing) because it	t is
said that this word is from the word , and this word is from th	е
four letter verb , and it is said that the phrase is from the v	erb'
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But the common people do not intend except the meaning	
"blessing", and it has the meaning of in the Arabic language.	
And I don't think that it is from the principles of Arabic morphol	ogy
() to derive from the word the word because	is
an intransitive verb () {meaning it does not require an	
object) and an intransitive verb can not form a passive participle (
) except if it is made transitive () by .	

Therefore it is said, "I kneeled the she-camel, so she is kneeling", (using the word — which is the active participle and not using the word — which is the passive participle.) ... therefore forming a passive participle from the word — is not done unless it is made transitive by using —.

But it is used (today) without as is known among the common people, but if the word is formed from the root these letters which are the foundation of the word (blessing) then I don't see anything preventing someone saying " with the meaning of " "

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قال ابن منظور في لسان العرب وبارك فيه وعليه وضع فيه البَركة" أ

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حَدَّتَنَا سَعِيدُ بْنُ مَنْصُورِ حَدَّتَنَا عَبْدُ الْعَزِيزِ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ حَدَّتَنِي مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْن حَسَن عَنْ أبي الزِّنَادِ عَنْ النَّعْرَجِ عَنْ أبي هُريَرْرَةَ النَّا سَجَدَ أَحَدُكُمْ فَلَا يَبْرُكُ كُمَا يَبْرُكُ البَعِيرُ وَلَيَضَعْ يَدَيْهِ فَبْلَ رَكْبَتْيْهِ

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