

Lesson 11

3. عدد the Number

In Arabic, words are of three categories with regards to number:

1. Singular وَاحِدٌ (wahid) indicating one.
2. Dual مُثْنَى (muthan-naa) indicating two.
3. Plural جَمْعٌ (jam') indicating more than two.

The مُثْنَى (dual) is formed in رفع case by following two steps below:
(Same rule is applied to both masculine and feminine اسم (nouns)).

1. By putting a Fatha (َ) on the last letter of the اسم (nouns).
2. By adding (انِ) to the end of the اسم (nouns).

Examples:

| ثنى dual | واحد singular | ثنى dual | واحد singular |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| رفع | رفع | رفع | رفع |
| قَلَمَانِ two pens | قَلَمٌ one pen | إِمْرَأَتَانِ two women | إِمْرَأَةٌ one woman |
| كِتَابَانِ two books | كِتَابٌ one book | خُطْبَتَانِ two Khutbas | خُطْبَةٌ one Khutba |
| وَلَدَانِ two boys | وَلَدٌ one boy | عَيْنَانِ two eyes | عَيْنٌ one eye |
| رَجُلَانِ two men | رَجُلٌ one man | جَنَّتَانِ two gardens | جَنَّةٌ one garden |

The مثنى (dual) is formed in نصب and جر case by following two steps below:

(Same rule is applied to both masculine and feminine اسم (nouns)).

1. By putting a Fatha (َ) on the last letter of the اسم (nouns).
2. By adding (َيْنِ) to the end of the اسم (nouns).

Examples:

| مثنى dual | واحد singular | مثنى dual | واحد singular |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| نصب / جر | رفع | نصب / جر | رفع |
| قَلَمَيْنِ two pens | قَلَمٌ one pen | إِمْرَاتَيْنِ two women | إِمْرَأَةٌ one woman |
| كِتَابَيْنِ two books | كِتَابٌ one book | خُطْبَتَيْنِ two Khutbas | خُطْبَةٌ one Khutba |
| وَلَدَيْنِ two boys | وَلَدٌ one boy | عَيْنَيْنِ two eyes | عَيْنٌ one eye |
| رَجُلَيْنِ two men | رَجُلٌ one man | جَنَّتَيْنِ two gardens | جَنَّةٌ one garden |

Lesson 12

Plural

Plurals are of two types:

1. جمع سالم (Jam' Salim) – sound plural.
2. جمع مكسر (Jam' Mukas-sar) – broken plural.

1. جمع مذكر سالم – The masculine sound plural

The جمع سالم – sound plural is one in which the singular form of the word remains intact (sound) with some additions at the end.

The جمع مذكر سالم – masculine sound plural is formed in رفع case by following two steps below.

1. By putting a Dhamma (وُ) on the last letter of the اسم (nouns).
2. By adding (وَن) to the end of the اسم (nouns).

The جمع مذكر سالم – masculine sound plural is mainly formed from adjective nouns.

Examples:

| جمع مذكر سالم sound plural | واحد singular | جمع مذكر سالم sound plural | واحد singular |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| رفع | | رفع | |
| كَافِرُونَ disbelievers | كَافِرٌ disbeliever | مُسْلِمُونَ muslims | مُسْلِمٌ muslim |
| مُنَافِقُونَ hypocrites | مُنَافِقٌ hypocrite | مُؤْمِنُونَ believers | مُؤْمِنٌ believer |
| فَاسِقُونَ disobedient | فَاسِقٌ disobedient | صَالِحُونَ pious | صَالِحٌ pious |

The جر نصب - masculine sound plural is formed in case by following two steps below.

1. By putting a Kasra (ِ) on the last letter of the اسم (nouns).
2. By adding (يْنَ) to the end of the اسم (nouns).

Examples:

| جمع مذكر سالم sound plural | واحد singular | جمع مذكر سالم sound plural | واحد singular |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| نصب/جر | | نصب/جر | |
| كَافِرِينَ disbelievers | كَافِرٌ disbeliever | مُسْلِمِينَ muslims | مُسْلِمٌ muslim |
| مُنَافِقِينَ hypocrites | مُنَافِقٌ hypocrite | مُؤْمِنِينَ believers | مُؤْمِنٌ believer |
| فَاسِقِينَ disobedient | فَاسِقٌ disobedient | صَالِحِينَ pious | صَالِحٌ pious |

There are some words they are not adjective but they are
جمع مذكر سالم – The masculine sound plural.

Examples:

| جمع مذكر سالم sound plural | جمع مذكر سالم sound plural | واحد singular |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| نصب/جر | رفع | |
| عَالَمِينَ worlds | عَالَمُونَ worlds | عَالَمٌ world |
| أَرْضِينَ earth | أَرْضُونَ earth | أَرْضٌ earth |
| أَهْلِينَ families | أَهْلُونَ families | أَهْلٌ family |
| عِشْرِينَ twenty | عِشْرُونَ twenty | |
| ثَلَاثِينَ thirty | ثَلَاثُونَ thirty | |
| تِسْعِينَ ninety | تِسْعُونَ ninety | till ninety |

Note:

In general, broken plurals are much more common than sound plurals. However, in the Qur'an, the proportion of sound plurals is considerably higher than it is in later Arabic.

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Plural

2. جمع مؤنث سالم – The feminine sound plural

The جمع مؤنث سالم – feminine sound plural is formed in رفع case by following two steps below.

3. By removing (ة) from the last letter of the feminine اسم (nouns).

4. By adding (ات) to the end of the اسم (nouns).

The جمع مؤنث سالم – feminine sound plural is mainly formed from adjective nouns.

Examples:

| جمع مؤنث سالم sound plural | واحد singular | جمع مؤنث سالم sound plural | واحد singular |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| رفع | | رفع | |
| كَاْفِرَاتٌ disbelievers (f) | كَافِرَةٌ disbeliever (f) | مُسْلِمَاتٌ Muslims (f) | مُسْلِمَةٌ Muslim (f) |
| مُنَافِقَاتٌ hypocrites (f) | مُنَافِقَةٌ hypocrite (f) | مُؤْمِنَاتٌ believers (f) | مُؤْمِنَةٌ believer (f) |
| فَاسِقَاتٌ disobedient (f) | فَاسِقَةٌ disobedient (f) | صَالِحَاتٌ pious | صَالِحَةٌ Pious (f) |

The جمع مؤنث سالم – feminine sound plural is formed in نصب and جر case by following two steps below.

1. By removing (ة) from the last letter of the feminine اسم (nouns).
2. By adding (ات) to the end of the feminine اسم (nouns).

Examples:

| جمع مؤنث سالم sound plural | واحد singular | جمع مؤنث سالم sound plural | واحد singular |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| رفع | | رفع | |
| كَاْفِرَاتٍ disbelievers (f) | كَافِرَةٌ disbeliever (f) | مُسْلِمَاتٍ Muslims (f) | مُسْلِمَةٌ Muslim (f) |
| مُنَافِقَاتٍ hypocrites (f) | مُنَافِقَةٌ hypocrite (f) | مُؤْمِنَاتٍ believers (f) | مُؤْمِنَةٌ believer (f) |
| فَاسِقَاتٍ disobedient (f) | فَاسِقَةٌ disobedient (f) | صَالِحَاتٍ pious (f) | صَالِحَةٌ pious (f) |

There are some words they are not adjective but they are
جمع مؤنث سالم – The feminine sound plural.

Examples:

| جمع مؤنث سالم sound plural | | | واحد singular | جمع مؤنث سالم sound plural | | | واحد singular |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| جر | نصب | رفع | | جر | نصب | رفع | |
| سَمَوَاتٍ | سَمَوَاتٍ | سَمَوَاتٍ | سَّمَاءٌ sky | جَنَّاتٍ | جَنَّاتٍ | جَنَّاتٍ | جَنَّةٌ garden |

Full chart of adjective اسم (nouns) regards to number.

| جر | نصب | رفع | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|------|------|
| عَابِدٍ | عَابِدًا | عَابِدٌ | واحد | مذكر |
| عَابِدَيْنِ | عَابِدَيْنِ | عَابِدَانِ | مثنى | |
| عَابِدِينَ | عَابِدِينَ | عَابِدُونَ | جمع | |
| عَابِدَةٍ | عَابِدَةً | عَابِدَةٌ | واحد | مؤنث |
| عَابِدَتَيْنِ | عَابِدَتَيْنِ | عَابِدَتَانِ | مثنى | |
| عَابِدَاتٍ | عَابِدَاتٍ | عَابِدَاتٌ | جمع | |

Lesson 14

The broken plural – (جمع مكسر)

The broken plural is that ism in which the form of the singular ism is broken, that is, changed. It has no fixed rules for making it. Sometimes letters are added or deleted and sometimes there is merely a change in the harakāt.

Here we list some of the scales of the broken plural which are used most often:

| Munsarif (منصرف) scale | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| scale | واحد | جمع مكسر | واحد | جمع مكسر |
| أَفْعَالٌ | قَلَمٌ | أَقْلَامٌ | طِفْلٌ | أَطْفَالٌ |
| | pen | | baby | |
| | بَابٌ | أَبْوَابٌ | وَقْتُ | أَوْقَاتٌ |
| | door | | time | |
| | مَطَرٌ | أَمْطَارٌ | عَمَلٌ | أَعْمَالٌ |
| | rain | | work , deed | |
| فِعَالٌ | جَبَلٌ | جِبَالٌ | جَمَلٌ | جِمَالٌ |
| | mountain | | camel | |
| | عَبْدٌ | عِبَادٌ | بَحْرٌ | بِحَارٌ |
| | servant | | sea | |
| | كَلْبٌ | كِلَابٌ | رَجُلٌ | رِجَالٌ |
| | dog | | man | |
| فُعُولٌ | قَلْبٌ | قُلُوبٌ | أَجْرٌ | أَجُورٌ |
| | heart | | reward | |
| | نَفْسٌ | نُفُوسٌ | عَيْنٌ | عُيُونٌ |
| | soul | | eye | |
| | وَجْهٌ | وُجُوهُ | مَلِكٌ | مُلُوكٌ |

| | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| | king , owner | | face | |
| رَسُولٌ | رَسُولٌ messenger | كِتَابٌ | كِتَابٌ book , document | فُعْلٌ |
| مَدِينٌ | مَدِينَةٌ town, city | صَحْفٌ | صَحِيفَةٌ page , news paper | |
| طَرِيقٌ | طَرِيقَةٌ path, creed, faith, belief | سُفُنٌ | سَفِينَةٌ ship , boat | |
| أَرْجُلٌ | رِجْلٌ leg | أَشْهُرٌ | شَهْرٌ month | أَفْعُلٌ |
| أَبْجَرٌ | بَحْرٌ sea | أَنْهَرٌ | نَهْرٌ river | |
| أَعْيُنٌ | عَيْنٌ eye | أَنْفُسٌ | نَفْسٌ soul | |

Ghair Munsarif (غير منصرف) scale

| scale | واحد | جمع مكسّر | واحد | جمع مكسّر |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| فُعْلَاءُ | عَالِمٌ | عُلَمَاءُ | فَقِيرٌ | فُقَرَاءُ |
| | scholar | | poor | |
| | غَرِيبٌ | غُرَبَاءُ | أَمِيرٌ | أُمَرَاءُ |
| | stranger | | leader | |
| | وَزِيرٌ | وُزَرَاءُ | وَكِيلٌ | وُكَلَاءُ |
| | minister | | agent , trustee | |
| أَفْعِلَاءُ | نَبِيٌّ | أَنْبِيَاءُ | وَلِيٌّ | أَوْلِيَاءُ |
| | prophet | | guardian , master | |
| | غَنِيٌّ | أَغْنِيَاءُ | صَدِيقٌ | أَصْدِقَاءُ |
| | rich | | friend | |
| | قَرِيبٌ | أَقْرَبَاءُ | حَبِيبٌ | أَحِبَّاءُ |
| | near , relative | | beloved , darling | |
| مَفَاعِلُ | مَسْجِدٌ | مَسَاجِدُ | مَكْتَبٌ | مَكَاتِبُ |
| | mosque | | desk, office | |
| | مَرْكَبٌ | مَرَائِبُ | مَوْعِظَةٌ | مَوَاعِظُ |
| | transport | | warning and | |

| | | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | advice | | | |
| مَكَاتِبُ | مَكْتُوبٌ letter | مَفَاتِيحُ | مِفْتَاحُ key | مَفَاعِيلُ |
| كَوَاكِبُ | كَوْكَبٌ star | عَنَاصِرُ | عُنْصُرٌ component | فَعَالِلُ |
| زَلَزِلُ | زَلْزَلَةٌ earthquake, shaken | جَوَاهِرُ | جَوْهَرٌ jewel , gem | |

| Mabni (مَبْنِي) scale | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| scale | واحد | جمع مكسر | واحد | جمع مكسر |
| فَعْلَى | مَرِيضٌ ill | مَرَضَى | قَتِيلٌ murdered | قَتْلَى |
| | مَيِّتٌ dead | مَوْتَى | صَرِيعٌ thrown on the ground | صَرْعَى |

Full chart of broken plural (جمع مكسر) masculine and feminine.

| جر | نصب | رفع | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|------|------|
| قَلَمٌ | قَلَمًا | قَلَمٌ | واحد | مذكر |
| قَلَمَيْنِ | قَلَمَيْنِ | قَلَمَانِ | مثنى | |
| أَقْلَامٍ | أَقْلَامًا | أَقْلَامٌ | جمع | |
| صَحِيفَةٌ | صَحِيفَةً | صَحِيفَةٌ | واحد | مؤنث |
| صَحِيفَتَيْنِ | صَحِيفَتَيْنِ | صَحِيفَتَانِ | مثنى | |
| صُحُفٍ | صُحُفًا | صُحُفٌ | جمع | |

Full chart of broken plural (جمع مكسر) غير منصرف .

| جر | نصب | رفع | | |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------|-----------|
| مَسْجِدٍ | مَسْجِدًا | مَسْجِدٌ | واحد | منصرف |
| مَسْجِدَيْنِ | مَسْجِدَيْنِ | مَسْجِدَانِ | مثنى | |
| مَسَاجِدَ | مَسَاجِدَ | مَسَاجِدُ | جمع | غير منصرف |
| عَالِمٍ | عَالِمًا | عَالِمٌ | واحد | منصرف |
| عَالِمَيْنِ | عَالِمَيْنِ | عَالِمَانِ | مثنى | |
| عُلَمَاءَ | عُلَمَاءَ | عُلَمَاءُ | جمع | غير منصرف |