

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.