

## 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 (َيْن) 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