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مُقَدِّمَةٌ - Introduction

- In this lesson we will learn the following things, In-Shā'-Allāh (God willing):
 - We will learn that there are two groups or types of noun in Arabic that are treated differently - Rational and Irrational nouns. We will learn how to distinguish the type of a given noun:

English	Transliteration	Arabic		
A student	/tâlibun/	طَالِبٌ	الْمُفْرَدُ	عَاقِلٌ
Students	/Ṭullābun/	طُلَّابٌ	الْجَمْعُ	(Rational)
A book	/Kitābun/	كِتَابٌ	الْمُفْرَدُ	غَيْرُ عَاقِلٍ
Books	/Kutubun/	كُتُبٌ	الْجَمْعُ	(Irrational)

- We will learn a new pattern of the broken plural:

Plural	Pattern	Singular
مَسَاجِدُ	مَفَاعِلُ	مَسْجِدٌ

(Mosques)

(A mosque)

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- In this section we will learn about a new form of nouns In-Shā'-Allāh (God willing).
- In Arabic, nouns are divided in two categories that do not exist in the English Language. In Arabic nouns are either Rational or Irrational.
 - Rational Nouns are those which refer to human beings. They are also called intelligent i.e., **عَاقِلٌ**. Besides human beings, angels, Jinn (in Islam), the devil and such are included in this class. Some examples of rational nouns are (doctor, boy, man) - i.e. **رَجُلٌ، وَلَدٌ، طَبِيبٌ**.
 - Irrational Nouns are those which refer to non human beings. They are also called non-intelligent i.e., **غَيْرُ عَاقِلٍ**. Irrational nouns refer to non living objects, animals, concepts and non human beings like trees and plants etc. Some examples of irrational nouns are: tree, notebook, book - i.e. **كِتَابٌ، دَفْتَرٌ، شَجَرَةٌ**.
- In the singular form there is no difference between these two groups, however, there is a very important difference in the plural form of these two groups. The plurals of Rational Nouns are **treated** as Plural, whereas the plurals of irrational nouns are **treated** as feminine singular. This concept takes some practice to understand and we will cover some examples below In-Shā'-Allāh (God willing):
- Below we can see how the pronouns that relate to the singular rational nouns are changed in plural form, e.g. /Hādhā/ **هَذَا** (this) becomes **هَؤُلَاءِ** (those) in plural form.
 - **هَذَا وَلَدٌ** (this is a boy) if changed to plural will become **هَؤُلَاءِ أَوْلَادٌ** (these are boys)
 - **هُوَ رَجُلٌ** (he is a man) will become **هُمْ رَجَالٌ** (they are men)
 - **ذَلِكَ مُدَرِّسٌ** (that is a teacher) will become **أُولَئِكَ مُدَرِّسُونَ** (those are teachers)
 - **هِيَ طَالِبَةٌ** (she is a student) will become **هُنَّ طَالِبَاتٌ** (they are students)

- We can compare this to the plural of Irrational Nouns. We can see below that despite the nouns being plural, the pronouns that relate to these nouns are singular feminine - **this does not change the plural word itself**, only how the plural is treated and includes adjectives - i.e. an adjective following an irrational noun will be feminine singular:

- هَذَا كَلْبٌ (this is a dog) if changed to plural will become هَذِهِ كِلَابٌ (those are dogs).
- هُوَ حِمَارٌ صَغِيرٌ (he is a small donkey) will become هِيَ حَمِيرٌ صَغِيرَةٌ (they are small donkeys)

- Let's look at some examples to understand this rule further:

English	Arabic	
This is a new student, he is from Belgium	هَذَا طَالِبٌ جَدِيدٌ، هُوَ مِنْ بَلْجِيكَا.	الْمُفْرَدُ
These are new students, they are from Belgium	هَؤُلَاءِ طُلَّابٌ جُدُدٌ، هُمْ مِنْ بَلْجِيكَا.	الْجَمْعُ
This is a new book, it is from Belgium	هَذَا كِتَابٌ جَدِيدٌ، هُوَ مِنْ بَلْجِيكَا.	الْمُفْرَدُ
These are new books, they are from Belgium	هَذِهِ كُتُبٌ جَدِيدَةٌ، هِيَ مِنْ بَلْجِيكَا.	الْجَمْعُ

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تَدْرِيبٌ - Exercise

- In this section, we will have multiple questions to test your understanding of the principles we have learnt In-Shā'-Allāh (God-Willing). To answer the questions:
 - o Type the complete answer for the following questions by selecting the question and using the on-screen keyboard or your actual keyboard.
 - o Use the Shift key to enter characters on the upper portions of the letters and use full diacritics in your answers – e.g. fathah, kasrah, sukūn etc.
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أَشْرُ إِلَى الْأَسْمَاءِ الْآتِيَةِ بِاسْمِ إِشَارَةٍ مُنَاسِبٍ لِلْقَرِيبِ (هَذَا، هَذِهِ، هَؤُلَاءِ)

- The Arabic sentence above means "Fill in the blanks with the appropriate Demonstrative Pronoun for near objects". In each of the boxes below simply type the demonstrative pronoun and word again using the on-screen keyboard including the vowel-marks and punctuation.

Mark Reset	
 أَقْلَامٌ	 مُدَرِّسَاتٌ
 رَجُلٌ	 كِتَابٌ
 أَخَوَاتِي	 عَيْنٌ
 طَبِيبَاتٌ	 كُتُبٌ
 رِجَالٌ	 دَجَاجَةٌ
 سَيَّارَاتٌ	 سَمَكٌ
 مُمَرِّضَةٌ	 مُجْتَهِدٌ
 جِبَالٌ	
Mark Reset	

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- We have already learnt in [Lesson 13 section 7](#) that the Broken Plural is the plural form of a word in which the original form of the word is changed to a great extent:
 - E.g.: Some examples of English nouns as broken plurals are:
 - Man =====> Men
 - Woman =====> Women
 - In contrast with sound plurals:
 - Book =====> Books
 - Door =====> Doors
- For Arabic Nouns and Adjectives:
 - There are more than twenty patterns of the broken plural for Arabic Nouns and Adjectives. We have learnt some of them in previous lessons and will learn one more pattern in this part of lesson In-Shā'-Allāh (God willing).

Plural	Pattern	Singular
مَسَاجِدُ (Mosques)	مَفَاعِلُ	مَسْجِدٌ (A mosque)

- Let's take some examples to memorize this pattern:

Picture	English	Arabic

	This is Hamid's note book	هَذَا دَفْتَرُ حَامِدٍ.	الْمُفْرَدُ
	These are Hamid's note books	هَذِهِ دَفَاتِرُ حَامِدٍ.	الْجَمْعُ
	This is the teacher's desk	هَذَا مَكْتَبُ الْمُدْرَسِ.	الْمُفْرَدُ
	These are the teacher's desks	هَذِهِ مَكَاتِبُ الْمُدْرَسِ.	الْجَمْعُ
	This hotel is expensive	هَذَا فُنْدُقٌ غَالٍ.	الْمُفْرَدُ
	These hotels are expensive	هَذِهِ فَنَاقٍ غَالِيَةٍ.	الْجَمْعُ

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حَوْلِ الْمُبْتَدَأِ فِي كُلِّ مِنَ الْجُمَلِ الْآتِيَةِ إِلَى جَمْعٍ مَعَ تَغْيِيرِ الْأَخْبَارِ كَمَا فِي الْمِثَالِ:

- The Arabic sentence above means "Change the subjects of the following sentences to plural, also change the predicates where necessary as in the example". In each of the sentences below type out the sentences again changing the relevant parts of the sentence based on the rules you have learnt on rational / irrational nouns.

المثال: البابُ مفتوحٌ
الأبوابُ مفتوحةٌ

Mark Reset



النَّجْمُ جَمِيلٌ



هَذَا الْقَلَمُ جَدِيدٌ



ذَلِكَ الْبَيْتُ جَمِيلٌ



ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ قَدِيمٌ



ذَلِكَ الْجَبَلُ بَعِيدٌ

Mark Reset

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مُرَاجَعَةٌ - Revision

- In this lesson we have learnt the following:
 - The Rational and Irrational Nouns
 - A new pattern for the broken plurals

مُرَاجَعَةُ الْمُفْرَدَاتِ - Vocabulary Revision			
Irrational	غَيْرُ عَاقِلٍ	Rational	عَاقِلٌ
Dog / Dogs	كَلْبٌ \ كِلَابٌ	Donkey / Donkeys	حِمَارٌ \ حَمِيرٌ
Belgium	بَلْجِيكَا	Note-book / Note-books	دَفْترٌ \ دَفَاتِرٌ
Desk / Desks	مَكْتَبٌ \ مَكَاتِبٌ	Hotel / Hotels	فُنْدُقٌ \ فَنَادِقٌ
Expensive (masculine)	غَالٍ	Expensive (feminine)	غَالِيَةٌ

- Now that you have covered this lesson, please also try some of the additional features we have

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- We will be updating the features above to help you throughout the course In-Shāʼ-Allāh (God willing).

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