

Grammatical Gender — Masculine and Feminine

Every ism in Arabic is either masculine or feminine

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True or False?

1 pt each

- 1 Arabic has a neutral gender, like English "it". T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

- 2 The name حَمْزَة (Hamza) is feminine, because it ends in taa' marbuuta. T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

- 3 Most names of places are treated as feminine. T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

Multiple Choice

5 pts

- 4 Which of these is NOT a sign of femininity? 2 pts

- a Taa' marbuuta (ة)
- b Alif mamduuda (اء)
- c Alif maqsuura (ى)
- d The letter ت

- 5 Which TWO of these are treated as feminine by usage — with no sign of femininity? 3 pts

- a شَمْسٌ (sun)
- b قَلَمٌ (pen)
- c نَارٌ (fire)
- d لِسَانٌ (tongue)

Apply the Gender Map

7 pts

- 6 Decide the gender of each word and say how you know — sign, usage, real, or default. 4 pts

Word	Gender	How you know
بُشْرَى	Masc ☐ Fem ☐	
يَدٌ	Masc ☐ Fem ☐	
رَأْسٌ	Masc ☐ Fem ☐	
مَدِينَةٌ	Masc ☐ Fem ☐	

- 7 Convert each masculine ism into its feminine form, with full endings: صَالِحٌ · مُسْلِمٌ 3 pts

Quranic Verse

4 pts

وَالشَّمْسُ تَجْرِي لِمُسْتَقَرٍّ لَهَا

Surah Ya-Sin 36:38 – “And the sun runs on its course to a place of rest.”

- 8 Which word in this verse confirms that شَمْسٌ is treated as feminine — and why? 4 pts

In Your Own Words

6 pts

- 9 Explain the three steps of the Gender Map for deciding the gender of any ism. 4 pts
- 10 Give one Quranic example of a feminine ism not mentioned in the lesson, and state how you know it is feminine. 2 pts

Marking: True/False 1 pt · Multiple choice as shown · Apply & translate as shown

Total = 25 pts

Lesson Vocabulary

grammatical gender	الْجِنْسُ rounded ta	تَاءٌ مَرْبُوطَةٌ paradise	جَنَّةٌ
masculine	مُذَكَّرٌ extended alif	أَلِفٌ مَمْدُودَةٌ sun	شَمْسٌ
feminine	مُؤَنَّثٌ shortened alif	أَلِفٌ مَقْصُورَةٌ	
real (biological) gender	حَقِيقِيٌّ a female Muslim	مُسْلِمَةٌ	

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