

Gender and the Descriptive Phrase

Gender agreement in nominal sentences and the Murakkab Tawsifi

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How to use this quiz: watch the lesson first, then answer every question from memory before checking your notes. The vocabulary sheet at the end may be used for the translation-into-Arabic questions. When you have finished, download the Model Answers from the lesson page and mark your own work. Aim for 20/25 or better before moving on.

True or False?

1 pt each

- 1 In Arabic, the صِفَة comes before the مَوْصُوف, as in English.

T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

- 2 A descriptive phrase gives a complete message.

T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

- 3 The خَيْر must match the مُبْتَدَأ in gender, where matching is possible.

T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

Multiple Choice

5 pts

- 4 Which four properties must the صِفَة copy exactly from the مَوْصُوف? 2 pts

- (a) Definiteness, gender, number, i'raab
- (b) Gender, number, root letters, meaning
- (c) Definiteness, gender, position, length
- (d) I'raab, tense, gender, number

- 5 Which TWO of these can never be a مَوْصُوف? 3 pts

- (a) A pronoun
- (b) A proper noun, such as مُحَمَّدٌ
- (c) A demonstrative noun
- (d) A common noun

Apply What You Learnt

8 pts

- 6 Translate each item and state whether it is a descriptive phrase or a nominal sentence — and how you know:

الْمُعَلِّمُ الْحَكِيمُ

2 pts

translation · structure · how you know

- 7 الْمُعَلِّمُ حَكِيمٌ 2 pts

translation · structure · how you know

- 8 Now translate into Arabic, with full endings (you may use the vocabulary sheet): "the big mosque" and "a new (female) student" 4 pts

Quranic Verse

4 pts

إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Surah Al-Fatihah 1:6 — "Guide us along the Straight Path."

- 9 Identify the مَوْصُوف and the صِفَة, then show that all four properties match. 4 pts

In Your Own Words

3 pts

- 10 Why is gender matching between subject and predicate sometimes not required in a nominal sentence? 3 pts

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

Total = 25 pts

Lesson Vocabulary

subject (nominal sentence)	مُبْتَدَأٌ	description / adjective	صِفَة	wise	حَكِيمٌ
predicate	خَبَرٌ	student (m / f)	طَالِبٌ / طَالِبَة	new	جَدِيدٌ
descriptive phrase	مُرَكَّبٌ تَوْصِيفِيٌّ	big (m / f)	كَبِيرٌ / كَبِيرَة	mosque	مَسْجِدٌ
noun being described	مَوْصُوفٌ	teacher (m / f)	مُعَلِّمٌ / مُعَلِّمَة		

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