

Number in Arabic – Singular and Dual

How Arabic marks one and two – and why it matters for the Quran

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True or False?

1 pt each

- 1 Like English, Arabic has exactly two numbers — singular and plural.

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if false, write the correct statement

- 2 The dual ending for rafa' is **أَنِ**, and for nasab and jarr it is **يُنِ**.

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if false, write the correct statement

- 3 Every word ending in **ان** is a dual.

T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

Multiple Choice

5 pts

- 4 What is the FIRST step in converting a singular noun to its dual? 2 pts

- (a) Add the definite article **الْ**
 (b) Place a fatha on the last letter
 (c) Remove the last letter
 (d) Add tanwiin

- 5 Which TWO of these are genuine dual forms? 3 pts

- (a) **مُسْلِمَانِ**
 (b) **سَلْمَانُ**
 (c) **مَدْرَسَتَانِ**
 (d) **بُسْتَانُ**

Apply What You Learnt

7 pts

- 6 Convert each to the dual, with full endings: مَسْجِدٌ (rafa') · مُؤْمِنٌ (nasab) · مَدْرَسَةٌ (rafa') 4 pts

watch the taa' marbuuta on the third word

- 7 Translate الْمُنَافِقَانِ كَاذِبَانِ — then explain how the meaning changes if it were مُنَافِقَانِ كَاذِبَانِ. 3 pts

Dual in Context

7 pts

هُمَا مُؤْمِنَتَانِ

Lesson example — “They two are female believers.”

- 8 The ending تَانِ of مُؤْمِنَتَانِ is packed with information. List everything it tells you. 4 pts

- 9 Which case or cases does مُسْلِمَيْنِ express — and why can one ending serve more than one case? 3 pts

In Your Own Words

3 pts

- 10 What is the Muslim Table, and why is completing it such valuable practice? 3 pts

Marking: points shown beside each question

Total = 25 pts

Lesson Vocabulary

number (property)	الْعَدْدُ two Muslims (rafa')	مُسْلِمَانِ hypocrite	مُنَافِقٌ
singular — one	مُفْرَدٌ two Muslims (nasab/jarr)	مُسْلِمِينَ liar	كَاذِبٌ
dual — exactly two	مُثَنَّى two schools (rafa')	مَدْرَسَتَانِ	
plural — three or more	جَمْعٌ two mosques (rafa')	مَسْجِدَاتٍ	

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