

The 14 Detached Arabic Pronouns

Master the rafa' subject pronouns — used over 1,370 times in the Quran

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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 A detached rafa' pronoun can be indefinite. T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

- 2 The first person — أَنَا and نَحْنُ — has no gender distinction. T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

- 3 هُمَا is used only for masculine duals. T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

Multiple Choice

5 pts

- 4 How many detached rafa' pronouns does Arabic have? 2 pts
- (a) Seven, like English
 - (b) Ten
 - (c) Fourteen
 - (d) Twenty-eight
- 5 Which TWO pronouns take a helper damma when followed by أَكَلْ? 3 pts
- (a) هُم
 - (b) هُنَّ
 - (c) أَنْتُمْ
 - (d) أَنْتِ

Apply What You Learnt

7 pts

- 6 Write the Arabic pronoun for each: **you (feminine singular)** · **they (feminine plural)** · **you two** · **we** 4 pts

from memory first — then check the sheet

- 7 Identify the person, gender and number of each: أَنَا · أَنْتُمْ · هِيَ 3 pts

Quranic Verse

7 pts

هُمْ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

Surah Al-Baqarah 2:5 – “It is they who are truly successful.”

- 8 هُم is written here as هُم, with a damma on the meem. Name the problem this solves and state the rule. 4 pts

- 9 Identify the مُبْتَدَأ and خَبَر of this verse, and state their i'raab. 3 pts

In Your Own Words

3 pts

- 10 English manages with about seven subject pronouns. Why does Arabic need fourteen? 3 pts

Marking: points shown beside each question

Total = 25 pts

Lesson Vocabulary

pronoun	ضَمِيرٌ they (m)	هُمْ you all (m)	أَنْتُمْ
detached pronoun	ضَمِيرٌ مُنْفَصِلٌ they (f)	هُنَّ you all (f)	أَنْتُنَّ
he / it	هُوَ you (m sing.)	أَنْتَ I	أَنَا
she / it	هِيَ you (f sing.)	أَنْتِ we	نَحْنُ
they two	هُمَا you two	أَنْتُمَا	

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