

Broken Plurals in Arabic

Patterns, grammatical treatment, and the singular-feminine rule

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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 broken plural is formed by adding a suffix to the unchanged singular.

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if false, write the correct statement

- 2 There is no rule to predict the broken plural from its singular.

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if false, write the correct statement

- 3 Tanween appears only on singular words.

T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

Multiple Choice

5 pts

- 4 How is the broken plural of a NON-RATIONAL noun treated grammatically? 2 pts

- (a) As masculine plural
(b) As feminine plural
(c) As singular feminine
(d) As singular masculine

- 5 Which TWO of these are broken plurals? 3 pts

- (a) بُيُوتٌ
(b) آيَاتٌ
(c) رِجَالٌ
(d) مُؤْمِنُونَ

Apply What You Learnt

7 pts

- 6 Translate into Arabic, with full endings: "the big houses" — and explain the form of the adjective. 4 pts

- 7 Decline أَقْلَامٌ (pens) through the three cases, with full endings. 3 pts

Quranic Verse

7 pts

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى

Surah Al-A'raf 7:180 – "Allah has the Most Beautiful Names."

- 8 Identify the broken plural in this verse, and explain the form of الْحُسْنَى. 4 pts

- 9 In صُحُفٍ مُّكْرَمَةٍ فِي (Abasa 80:13): what is صُحُفٍ, which case is it in, and why does مُّكْرَمَةٍ look the way it does? 3 pts

In Your Own Words

3 pts

- 10 English has man/men and mouse/mice. How does this analogy explain broken plurals — and what is the shortcut for recognising one? 3 pts

Marking: points shown beside each question

Total = 25 pts

Lesson Vocabulary

broken plural	جَمْعُ التَّكْسِيرِ	house / houses	بَيْتٌ / بُيُوتٌ	scholar / scholars	عَالِمٌ / عُلَمَاءُ
pen / pens	قَلَمٌ / أَقْلَامٌ	messenger / messengers	رَسُولٌ / رُسُلٌ	brother / brothers	أَخٌ / إِخْوَانٌ
book / books	كِتَابٌ / كُتُبٌ	servant / servants	عَبْدٌ / عِبَادٌ	non-rational	غَيْرُ عَاقِلٍ

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