

ACCESS 1 CHAPTER 2.2 :-

NUMBER

The next property to consider while studying ism is its Number. In terms of number there are three types of Ism, which are,

- 1) Singular (1) وَاحِدٌ
- 2) Dual (2) مُتَنَّى
- 3) Plural (3+) جَمْعٌ

Lets discuss these individually.

1) SINGULAR :-

The words are by default singular وَاحِدٌ and only when something is added to them do they change their number

For example مُسْلِمٌ كِتَابٌ

2) DUAL :-

In the Arabic language there is a distinct group of Isms categorised as Dual because they are used for 2 people which are called مُتَنَّى. In order to make a singular Ism Dual we add أَنْ or أَيْنِ

For example,

a) In Raf' Status we add أَنْ eg. From مُسْلِمٌ to مُسْلِمَانِ
From مُسْلِمَةٌ to مُسْلِمَاتُ

b) In Nasb or Jarr status we add أَيْنِ eg. From مُسْلِمٍ / مُسْلِمًا to مُسْلِمَيْنِ
From مُسْلِمَةٍ / مُسْلِمَةً to مُسْلِمَاتِ

3) PLURAL :-

Plural Isms are more comprehensive than the other two types based on Numbers. There are different categories which we will see below,

a) Sound Masculine Plural (Muslim Chart)

From مُسْلِمٌ to مُسْلِمُونَ / مُسْلِمِينَ

b) Sound Feminine Plural (Muslim Chart)

From مُسْلِمَةٌ to مُسْلِمَاتُ / مُسْلِمَاتٍ

c) Non-Human Sound Feminine Plural

From آيَةٌ to آيَاتُ \ آيَاتٌ

d) Plural by Meaning (Ism Jama')

Isms which although are singular but point towards a group are known as collective nouns. In the Quran they are treated as Plural Masculine

قَوْمٌ (Nation); نَاسٌ (People); قَرْنٌ (Generation)

e) Broken Plurals :-

These are plurals that don't follow the Muslim Chart and there is no definite rules as to how to form them except for certain patterns which one needs to remember. The original makeup of the word gets broken. There are two types of Broken Plurals which are,

- **Human Broken Plurals (جمع مكسر عاقل)**

Three beings are treated as عاقل those having self consciousness and they are Human beings, the Angels and the Jinns For example From رَسُولٌ to رُسُلٌ. These Isms can be treated as both Singular Feminine as well as Plural Masculine

PLURAL	DUAL	SINGULAR	ISM
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رَسُولٌ	رَسُولَانِ	رَسُولٌ	رَسُولٌ
إِمْرَأَةٌ	إِمْرَأَتَانِ	إِمْرَأَةٌ	إِمْرَأَةٌ
زَوْجٌ	زَوْجَانِ	زَوْجٌ	زَوْجٌ
شَاهِدٌ	شَاهِدَانِ	شَاهِدٌ	شَاهِدٌ
وَلَدٌ	وَلَدَانِ	وَلَدٌ	وَلَدٌ

- **Non Human Broken Plural (جمع مكسر غير عاقل)**

These plurals are of غير عاقل Isms, those that have no self-consciousness. These plurals are treated grammatically as SINGULAR FEMININE (SF)

PLURAL	DUAL	SINGULAR	ISMS
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NHBP كُتُبٌ	كِتَابَانِ	كِتَابٌ	كِتَابٌ
NHBP مَسَاجِدُ	مَسْجِدَانِ	مَسْجِدٌ	مَسْجِدٌ
NHBP أَقْلَامٌ	قَلَمَانِ	قَلَمٌ	قَلَمٌ

NHBP دُرُوسٌ	دَرَسَانِ	دَرَسٌ	دَرَسٌ
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- Broken plurals don't end in ending combinations so they look similar to singular isms
- Broken plurals may either be fully flexible or partly flexible

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ACTIVITY # 1

Write down the dual and plural forms of the following isms

PLURAL	DUAL	MEANING	ISMS
		A boy	وَلَدٌ
		A girl	بِنْتٌ
		A Mosque	مَسْجِدٌ
		A man	رَجُلٌ
		A writer	كَاتِبٌ
		A sin	ذَنْبٌ
		A stream	نَهْرٌ
		A heart	قَلْبٌ
		A bench	مَقْعَدٌ
		A friend	وَلِيٌّ
		A lesson	دَرْسٌ
		A messenger	رَسُولٌ
		A student	طَالِبٌ
		A sign	آيَةٌ
		A word	كَلِمَةٌ