

2.1.2 Properties of Ism: Number عَدَدٌ

- In Arabic, there are 3 categories of number: singular, pair & plural
- There are several categories under plural:
 - Masculine plural oona & eena EC
 - Only for humans, angels, jinns
 - Feminine plural aatun & aatin EC for feminine & plural
 - Human broken plural
 - Non human broken plural
 - Ism jam'a (collective noun)

Broken Plurals جَمْعٌ تَكْسِيرٌ

- In English, we normally put an “s” at the end of a word to make it plural. But there are some words that don’t end with “s” such as men, children, mice, feet, etc. These are what we call broken plurals.
- In Arabic, the normal plural pattern would be oona, eena, aatun & aatin. Example plural of مُسْلِمٌ is مُسْلِمُونَ. But the word رَسُولٌ don’t end with an oona in plural. Its plural is رُسُلٌ.
- Like in English, these words can only be known with experience in vocabulary.

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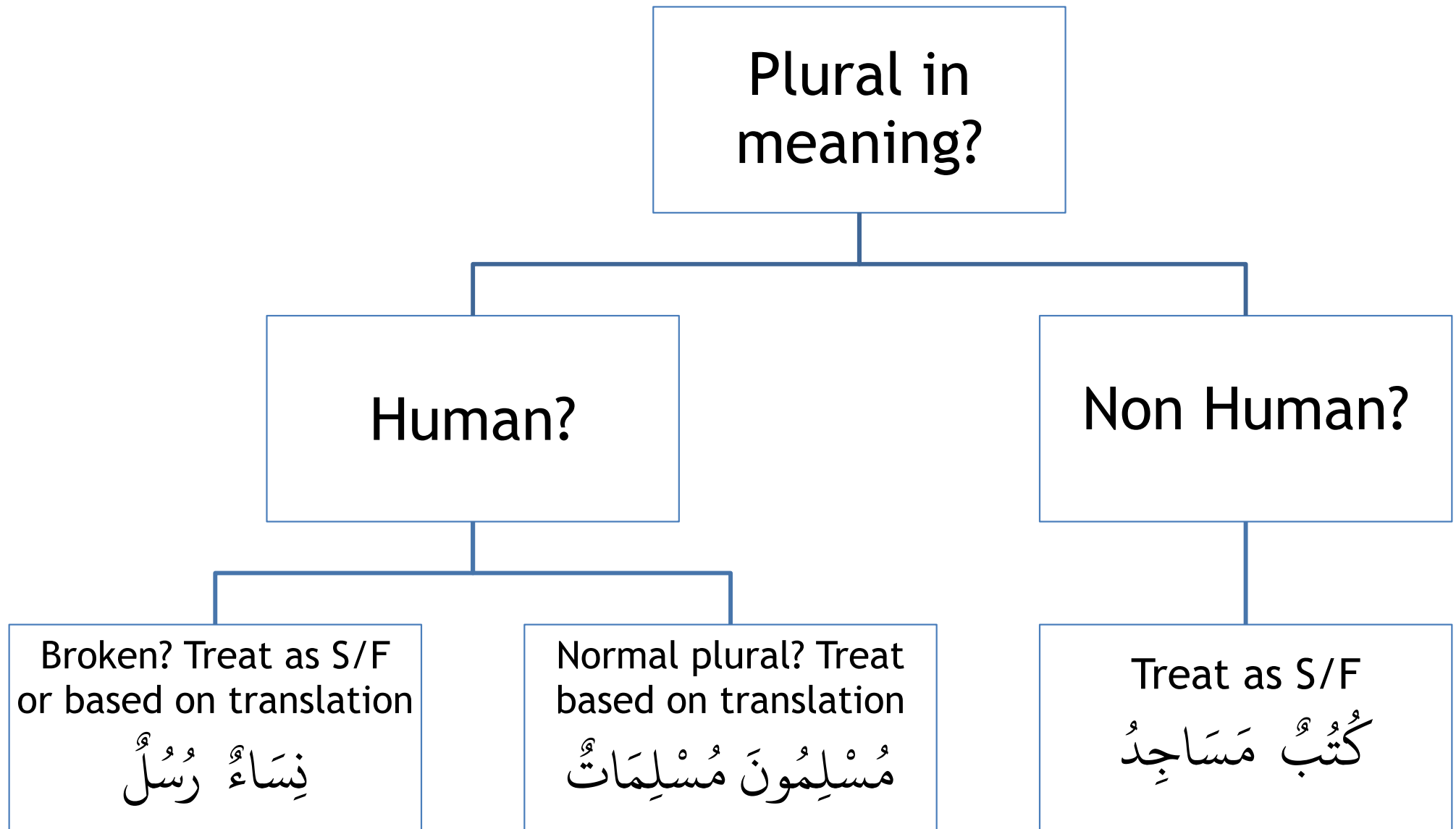
Human broken plurals

- Only for humans, angels & jinns.
- Eg. نِسَاءٌ (women), رُسُلٌ (messengers) & مَلَائِكَةٌ (angels)
- They can be treated as singular/feminine or based on translation.

Non Human Broken Plurals

- Since oona & eena are only for intelligent beings, that makes all others broken plurals.
- Eg. كُتُبٌ (books), مَسَاجِدُ (masjids)
- These words are treated **singular feminine**

Broken Plurals Summary



Ism Jam'a اِسْمُ جَمْعٍ

- Groups of people translated as singular but grammatically plural.
- 3 widely used in the Quran are:
 - Nation قَوْمٌ, people نَاسٌ & generation قَرْنٌ
- These words will be treated as plural masculine



Broken Plurals

2 kinds of broken plurals:

- The lesser plural (3-9 in number) جمع القلّة
 - 4 patterns: أَفْعُل - أَفْعَال - أَفْعَلَةٌ - فِعْلَةٌ
 - The plentiful plural (more than 9) جمع الكثرة
 - 40 over patterns
- 📌 If a word has 2 broken plurals, one will likely be جمع القلّة.
- 📌 If a word has both the normal & broken plural, the normal plural is less in number than the broken plural.

There is no set pattern for what kind of words take which pattern.
Know by pure experience & memorization.

2.1.3 Properties of Ism: Gender جِنْسٌ

- In Arabic, every ism is treated as either masculine or feminine.
- Isms are by default masculine unless there are reasons to be feminine:
 - Real/biologically feminine eg. أُمٌ mother, بَقْرَةٌ cow
 - Word end w/ ة, colour end w/ اء, superlatives end w/ ى
 - Male names end w/ ة are still **not fem** eg. حَمْرَةٌ مُعَاوِيَةَ
 - Human body parts in pairs eg. أُذُنٌ ears, عَيْنٌ eyes
 - Broken plurals & all non human plurals
 - Proper names of places eg, مَكَّةُ Makkah
 - Words that are feminine BASS

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Grandpa always says he misses the good old times. Times when he had some **أَرْض** to own his farm although it can be a challenge controlling animals with only a **عَصَا** in his hand. His **دار** was simple and has a **نار** going to protect himself from the cold **رِيح**. There's a **سَبِيل** leading to a **بِئْر** where he takes a shower from a **دَلْو** full of water under the **شَمْس**. The only thing he hate about the old times is the **حَرْب** that he had to experience. People were afraid of the next bomb from the **سَمَاء**. Every **نَفْس** was for himself. He was once forced to drink a **كَاس** of **خَمْر** against his will. May Allah throw the unrepentant tyrants in **جَهَنَّمَ**.

Exercise 4: Indicate the grammatical number of the words below.

مُسْلِمَاتَا	قُلُوبٌ hearts	آيَاتٍ
النُّهَارُ rivers	نَارًا	الْأَسْمَاءُ names
تَذْكَرَةٌ	عُلَمَاءُ scholars	الْمَغْرِبِينَ
تَنْزِيلًا	بِقَبَسٍ	رِجَالٌ
كُفَّارٌ disbelievers	جَنَّتَانِ	الْمِهَادُ
الْكِتَابَ	أَنْبِيَاءُ prophets	وَأَزْوَاجٍ spouses
الْأَرْحَامِ wombs	مُحْكَمَاتٍ	ظُلُمَاتٍ darknesses
وُجُوهُ faces	شَيْئًا	رَجُلَيْنِ

Exercise 5: Indicate the number & gender for the following words.

الغُلامُ the boy	وَالْأَرْضِ the earth	بُيُوتًا houses
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ the believers	وَالْآخِرَةَ the Hereafter	عُرَابًا crow
مُشْرِكٌ polytheist	سُورَةٌ surah	جِهَادًا struggle
نَفْسٍ person/soul	عُيُونًا springs	خَصْمَانٍ litigants
قِثَاءٌ cucumbers	نَارٌ fire	قُلُوبٌ hearts
رَجُلَيْنِ two men	الشَّيَاطِينِ the devils	قَوْمٌ nation
مَلَائِكَةً angels	أَعْمَالٌ deeds	السَّبِيلِ the path
رُسُلٌ messengers	جَنَّاتٍ gardens	السَّمَاوَاتِ skies