We know that Ism has 4 properties :- Status,Gender,Number & Type

Type → common (Nakirah)

Type → Proper (Ma'rifah)
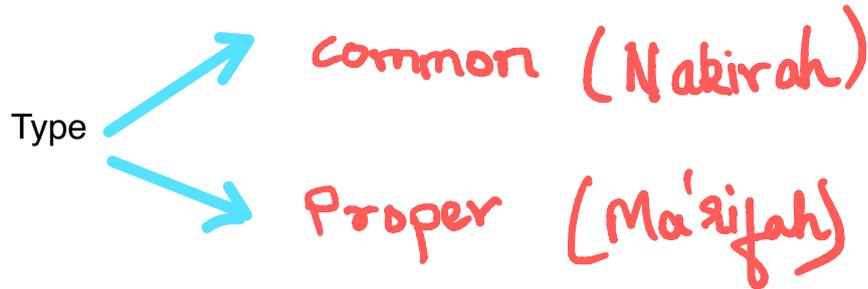
Mostly Isms are Nakirah
There are seven reasons for an Ism to be proper

1. PROPER NAMES عَلَم
2. PRONOUNS ضمائر
3. POINTERS أسماء الإشارة
4. M.I. IF M IS معرفة
5. ISM MOWSOOL الذي
6. THE CALLED ONE المنادى
7. PROPER USING 'THE' المعرّف باللام

Functions of ال :-

1) العَهْدِيَّة

familiarity <------ عهد
Eg : Did you catch the flight

the flight whereby both the speaker & the listener are familiar with what is being reffered to.Its something specific to the speaker & the listener know about.

2) الجِنْس

Means 'species' or 'category'

Eg :- Dogs can be dangerous

a dog -----> كَلْبٌ (singular)
dogs -----> كِلابٌ (Broken plural)---generalized species

Arabs use الكلبُ ---> The dog can be dangerous (Arabic way of saying it)

Eg: Planes are convinient mode of transport.

Planes -- general (plural)
But Arabs will use 'The plane is convenient mode of transport '.

الَّذِى جَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنَ ٱلشَّجَرِ ٱلْأَخْضَرِ نَارًا فَإِذَآ أَنتُم مِّنْهُ تُوقِدُونَ ۞

The one who made for you fire from *green trees*, then (surprisingly) you kindle from it.

اسم الجنس it not referring to a specific green tree that is known to everyone. It is referring to the category or species of

Though its singular the translation is plural-green trees because it Laam Al Jinns
The context will tell us if its Laam Al Jinns

3) الِسْتِغْراق

Means 'immersion' or 'full inclusion'

* It's a special care of Laam Al Jinns
* It includes every individual with it

Eg : Chicken is delicious
(not necessary every chicken is delicious. This is Laam Al Jinns - general)

Eg : Every single chicken is delicious
(here it included every chicken) This is Laam Al Istigraak -- special kind of Laam Al Jinns
* Only context will tell us.

To determine whether an ال is استغراق or just plain جنس, simply ask if there are exceptions to the statement. If there are, it is جنس (e.g. فِيْ جُذُوْعِ النَّخُلِ). Otherwise, it is استغراق. Remember that استغراق is استغراق, جنس is also a استغراق, but not every جنس is an استغراق. This means that every استغراق is جنس. type of جنس.

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You who believe, do not take your parents and siblings as protective friends if they prefer
disbelief over faith...

الكفر and الإيمان are مصادر that take an ال that does not translate.

Every Laam Al Istigraak is Laam Al Jinns but not every Laam Al Jinns is Laam Al Istigraak

4) المصادر

Masdar means ' idea'. They are generally proper.

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Eg of Masdar in English:-

Help / to help / helping
They need help / they need to help / they need helping

* In English word is spelt in same way for Amr/Mudare /Masdar

Help! (Amr)
They help (mudare)
I need help (Masdar - You need 'something' is Masdar)

Eg: Every child needs an education (masdar)
     The education of a child is important (masdar)

*Masdar in English can have a/and /the   or none
*But in Arabic standiis to use ال but we don't translate in English

5) الاختصاص

 *We have Mubtada & Khabar
 * Khabar is usually common.But if it's proper then there is something special
like الاختصاص

  Eg : أَحْمَدُ قائِم ---> Ahmad is standing
      أَحْمَدُ القائِمُ ---> Ahmad is the only one standing (Ikhtisaas)

6) الحقيقة / العَهد الذِهنيّ

  *This usage is not very common. When this ال is used the translation is like

  common word without a 'the'
  * Its in between proper & common
  * The specific one is used to generalised

قَالُوا لَئِنْ أَكَلَهُ ٱلذِّئْبُ وَنَحْنُ عُصْبَةٌ إِنَّآ إِذًا لَّخَسِرُونَ ١٤

*They said, "Surely, if <u>a wolf</u> eats him while we are a strong group, then we would **certainly b[e]**
losers in that case."*

Wolf is being sighted in the village. Not necessary that its the same wolf. The specific one that Yaqoob SA had in mind but it points out to be a general pack.Its caught between knowing and not knowing whereby knowing is proper & not knowing is common.Its the fusion between the two.

ال is used as if its proper but its not. It translates as 'a' instead of 'the'

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