

THE LANGUAGE OF QURAN



And We have certainly made the Qur'an easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?
SURAH AL-QAMAR (54:17)

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 Arabic Grammar (NAHW)
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 العلم لا يأتي إنما يؤتى إليه
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Lesson 5

الضَّمَائِرُ (pronouns)

Pronouns are words that are used as a substitute for nouns.
 They are: he, she, his , her, I etc.

There are two types of pronouns:

الضَّمِيرُ الْمُنْفَصِلُ - detached pronoun: it comes separately

without attaching itself to a verb, noun or particle. They are always proper and in the state of rafa'. They are independent pronouns.

الضَّمِيرُ الْمُتَّصِلُ - attached pronoun: it comes attached to a noun,

Verb or particle. They are always in the state of nasb and jarr except for " I ".

An easy way to understand and memorize them is to put them in a chart, which is given below:

الضَّمَائِرُ (pronouns)
المنفصل

جمع Plural	مثنى dual	واحد singular		
هُم They (all)	هُمَا Both of them	هُوَ He	مذكر (m)	غائب 3 rd person
هُنَّ They (all)	هُمَا Both of them	هِيَ She	مؤنث (f)	غائب 3 rd person
أَنْتُمْ All of you	أَنْتُمَا You two	أَنْتَ You	مذكر	مخاطب 2 nd person
أَنْتُنَّ All of you	أَنْتُمَا You two	أَنْتِ You	مؤنث	مخاطب 2 nd person
نَحْنُ We	نَحْنُ we	أَنَا I	مذكر	1 st person متكلم
نَحْنُ We	نَحْنُ we	أَنَا I	مؤنث	1 st person متكلم

الضَّمَائِرُ (pronouns)
المتصل

جمع Plural	مثنى Dual	واحد singular		
هُم Theirs(all)	هُمَا Theirs(two)	هُ His	مذكر (m)	غائب 3 rd person
هُنَّ Theirs(all)	هُمَا Theirs(two)	هَا Her	مؤنث (f)	غائب 3 rd person
كُم Yours(all)	كَمَا Yours(two)	كَ yours	مذكر (m)	مخاطب 2 nd person
كُنَّ Yours(all)	كَمَا Yours(two)	كِ Yours	مؤنث (f)	مخاطب 2 nd person
نا(our)/noun نا(us)/verb	نا(our)/noun نا(us)/verb	أَيْ(my)/noun أِنِّي(me)/verb	مذكر (m)	متكلم 1 st person
نا(our)/noun نا(us)/verb	نا(our)/noun نا(us)/verb	أَيْ/noun أِنِّي/verb	مؤنث (f)	متكلم 1 st person

Let's see examples from Quran to understand these pronouns:

﴿قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ﴾

“Say, ‘Allah is One.’” (112:1)

﴿فَوَسْوَسَ لَهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ﴾

“But the devil whispered to *them both*.” (7:20)

﴿وَقَسَمَهُمَا إِنِّي لَكُمَا لِنَاصِحٍ﴾

“And he swore to *them both*, ‘I am certainly a sincere adviser to you.’” (7:21)

﴿أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ﴾

“That you should not serve anyone *except Him*.” (17:23)

﴿إِذْ هُرِّعَتْ عَلَيْهَا قُودٌ﴾

“When *they* sat around *it*.” (85:6)

﴿وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ﴾

“And spend from that which *We have provided for them*.” (2:3)

﴿وَبِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ﴾

“And *they* are certain about the hereafter.” (2: 4)

﴿وَأَسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا﴾

“And seek *His* protective forgiveness. *He* is certainly the acceptor of repentance.” (110:3)

﴿يُبَيِّنُ لَنَا مَا هِيَ﴾

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Note:

When attached pronouns are used with a noun we suffix “ئِي” to the noun. When they are used with a verb “نِي” is used.

رَبِّي

My Lord

خَلَقَنِي

He created me

ALSO:

Sometimes in first person possessive singular pronoun, “ئِي” is not attached to the noun or verb but the possession is indicated by accenting the last letter with a *kasrah* (ـِ)

﴿أَجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ﴾

“I respond to the prayer of one *who prays*.” (2:186)

﴿لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ﴾

“For you, your religion (or judgment) and for me, *my religion* (or judgment).” (109:6)

Let's have some more examples from Quran:

﴿قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ﴾

“They say, ‘*We* are but reformers.’” (2:11)

﴿مِمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا﴾

“Which *We* have sent down to Our servant.” (2:23)

﴿وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَنُقَدِّسُ لَكَ﴾

“When *we* glorify You by praising You and exalt Your Holiness.” (2:30)

﴿وَلَا أَنَا عَابِدٌ مَّا عَبَدْتُمْ﴾

“And *I* am not a server of that which you serve.” (109:4)

﴿لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ﴾

“For you, your religion (or judgment) and for me, *my* religion (or judgment).” (109:6)

﴿يَتَّادَمُ أَسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ﴾

“O Adam! *You and your wife*, dwell in the garden.”
(2:35)

﴿إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ﴾

“*You Alone* do we serve and (from) *You Alone* do we seek help.” (1:5)

﴿أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ﴾

“Did We not expand *for you your bosom?*” (94:1)

﴿وَإِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ يَا مَرْيَمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاكِ وَطَهَّرَكِ وَأَصْطَفَاكِ عَلَى نِسَاءِ

الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

“And when the angels said, ‘O Maryam! Allah has certainly chosen *you* and cleaned *you* and chosen *you* above the women of the worlds.’” (3: 42)

﴿يَا مَرْيَمُ اقْنُتِي لِرَبِّكِ وَأَسْجُدِي وَأَرْكَعِي مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ﴾

“O Maryam! Be devoutly obedient to *your Fosterer* and prostrate and bow down with those who bow down.”
(3:43)