



ShariahProgram
Keepers of Classical Arabic

Language of the Arabs

Purpose of Study &
Introduction to Sarf (Morphology)

Why learn the Arabic language?

- Understand words of the Creator
- Access heritage of Scholars
- Increase faith by appreciating the miracle of the Noble Quran
- Advance in further studies
- Purpose dictates method

Vowels & Consonants

- 28 letters in Arabic alphabet
 - All consonants
- 3 short vowels which are separate from alphabet
- Words constructed by grouping consonants
 - Groups of 3
- Need vowels to pronounce
 - Gives more meaning
- 27 total vowel combinations possible

Short Vowels حركات

- ضَمَّة : ُ - 'o' or 'u' in English.
- فَتْحَة : َ - short 'a' in English.
- كَسْرَة : ِ - 'e' or 'i' in English.
- The absence of a vowel is called سُكُون (ْ).
- Pronouncing of the letter twice is called تَشْدِيد or شَدَّة

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Meanings

- 1) Help
- 2) Notion of seeking
- 3) Past tense
- 4) Active voice
- 5) Masculine gender of subject
- 6) Plurality of subject
- 7) Third person aspect of subject

Science of صرف

- What makes Arabic superior?
 - Its comprehensive nature
- The science of Sarf will teach all these meanings
 - 2 → 7 (from previous slide)
- Focus on patterns and endings
 - Patterns of vowelization & non-base letters for conveying tense and voice
 - Designated endings (suffixes) which come at the end of a verb for gender, plurality, person

Verb Conjugation

- Combining verb with its subject
 - Gender
 - Plurality
 - Person

3rd Person Conjugation Layout

Person	Gender	Plurality	English Equivalent	#
3 rd	Masculine	Singular	He	1
		Dual (2)	They (M2)	2
		Plural (>2)	They (M>2)	3
	Feminine	Singular	She	4
		Dual (2)	They (F2)	5
		Plural (>2)	They (F>2)	6

2nd Person Conjugation Layout

Person	Gender	Plurality	English Equivalent	#
2nd	Masculine	Singular	You (M)	7
		Dual (2)	You (M2)	8
		Plural (>2)	You (M>2)	9
	Feminine	Singular	You (F)	10
		Dual (2)	You (F2)	11
		Plural (>2)	You (F>2)	12

1st Person Conjugation Layout

Person	Gender	Plurality	English Equivalent	#
1st	Masculine	Singular	I (M/F)	13
		Dual (2)	We (M/F \geq 2)	14
		Plural (>2)	We	15
	Feminine	Singular	I	16
		Dual (2)	We	17
		Plural (>2)	We	18

Verb Tables

- Tables of 14
- Model base-letters
- Active-passive