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Sound Plural + Adjective

The sound plural has two forms:

The suffix “ون” (una) for the masculine and the suffix “ات” (āt) for the feminine plural are added to the singular masculine form.

مؤمن ← مؤمنون

مؤمنة ← مؤمنات

Sg. (m.)	Sg. (f.)	Pl. (m.)	Pl. (f.)
مُعَلِّمٌ مُجْتَهِدٌ	مُعَلِّمَةٌ مُجْتَهِدَةٌ	مُعَلِّمُونَ مُجْتَهِدُونَ	مُعَلِّمَاتٌ مُجْتَهِدَاتٌ

رجل ← رجال

The broken plural has many patterns of which we mention أفعال and فِعال.

Examples:

Sg.	Pl.
رجل	رجال
طَوِيلٌ	طِوَالٌ
قلم	أقلام

Since there are no specific rules regarding the plural forms, the student must learn each plural together with the singular.

2. The Adjective (الصِّفَة)

Each adjective has a masculine and a feminine singular form:

M.	كبير	طويل	كثير	مجتهد
F.	كبيرة	طويلة	كثيرة	مجتهدة

As well as a masculine sound or broken and a feminine plural form:

M.	كِبَار	طِوَال	كثيرون	مجتهدون
F.	كَبِيرَات	طَوِيلَات	كثيرات	مجتهدات

The function: the adjective has two functions, an attributive and a predicative one.

Predicative such as: The house is big

البيتُ كبيرٌ

Attributive such as: The big house

البيتُ الكبيرُ

Examples of the predicative adjective:

The house is big.	البيتُ كبيرٌ
The room is new.	الغرفةُ جديدةٌ

Examples of the attributive adjective:

The big house	البيتُ الكبيرُ
The new room	الغرفةُ الجديدةُ
A big house	بيتٌ كبيرٌ

A new room	غرفة جديدة
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- There is **agreement in number and gender between the noun and the adjective** in their singular forms.

Agreement in number and gender between the noun and the adjective.

In number:

The house is big.	Singular	البيتُ كبيرٌ.
The big house	Singular	البيتُ الكبيرُ

In gender

The house is big.	m.	البيتُ كبيرٌ.
The big house	m.	البيتُ الكبيرُ
The room is new.	f.	الغرفةُ جديدةٌ.
The new room	f.	الغرفةُ الجديدةُ

In state

If the adjective has an attributive function, there is also **agreement in state** (i.e. definite or no article).

The big house	Definite	البيتُ الكبيرُ.
The new room	Definite	الغرفةُ الجديدةُ

A big house	Indefinite	بيتٌ كبيرٌ
A new room	Indefinite	غرفةٌ جديدةٌ

If the noun and the adjective are in the plural, the agreement between them depends on whether the noun denotes a person or not. If so, agreement in number and gender applies; if the adjective is used in an attributive function, there is also agreement in state and case.

Predicative Adjective:

The teachers are diligent.

المُعَلِّمُونَ مُجْتَهِدُونَ.

The teachers (f.) are diligent.

المُعَلِّمَاتُ مُجْتَهِدَاتُ.

The men are tall.

الرجالُ طَوَالٌ.

The diligent teachers	المُعَلِّمُونَ المُجْتَهِدُونَ
The diligent teachers (f.)	المُعَلِّمَاتُ المُجْتَهِدَاتُ
The tall men	الرجالُ الطَوَالُ
Tall men	رجالٌ طَوَالٌ