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## Lesson 95

### The Definition and its Divisions (1)

(المعرف و اقسام التعريف)

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- Definiendum: معرّف; Definer: معرف and Definition: تعريف
- When we hear a word and we want to know it, we must go through five stages as we may ask: “What does it mean (literal definition)? What is it (its nature)? Does it exist?... In some of them, you seek for conceptual knowledge and in others, for affirmational knowledge.
- When we seek for an overall concept of something, such as “غضنفر”, we ask only about the linguistic meaning: What does it mean? The answer is another word with the same meaning, such as ‘lion’. This is called ‘التعريف اللفظي’ (literal definition), which is provided in dictionaries.
- When we ask about the nature of something, in detail, to distinguish it from other things, and we say “What is it?”, the answer is called ‘التعريف الاسمي’ or شرح اسم and the ما (what) is called الشارحة.

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