

L12

Topic: Agreement in gender

There is agreement in gender between the subject and the adjectival predicate.

Translation	Masculine	Feminine
The house/cupboard is big.	الْبَيْتُ كَبِيرٌ.	الْخِزَانَةُ كَبِيرَةٌ.
It is big.	هُوَ كَبِيرٌ.	هِيَ كَبِيرَةٌ.
He/she is a teacher.	هُوَ مُعَلِّمٌ.	هِيَ مُعَلِّمَةٌ.
Who is this?	مَنْ هَذَا؟	مَنْ هَذِهِ؟
What is this?	مَا هَذَا؟	مَا هَذِهِ؟
Who is he/she?	مَنْ هُوَ؟	مَنْ هِيَ؟

Agreement between the personal pronoun and the predicate:

Translation	Masculine	Feminine
What is the name/sun?	مَا هُوَ الْإِسْمُ؟	مَا هِيَ الشَّمْسُ؟
Who is a teacher?	مَنْ هُوَ مُعَلِّمٌ؟	مَنْ هِيَ مُعَلِّمَةٌ؟

**Agreement between the verb which  
introduces a sentence and the following noun:**

Translation	Masculine	Feminine
The teacher (m)/cupboard is in the room.	يوجد المُعلِّمُ في الغرفة.	توجد الخزانةُ في الغرفة.
Here is a teacher/ cupboard.	يوجد هنا مُعلِّمٌ.	توجد هنا خزانة.

What is in the room?

ماذا يوجد في الغرفة؟

Please refer to page 20 of the book.