

The Division of Words Into Nouns and Prepositions

17. How many divisions of words are there?

18. What is a verb?

19. What is a noun?

20. What is a preposition?

17. Words are divided into three categories:

- verb: كَتَبَ يَكْتُبُ أَكْتُبُ (write, he writes, he wrote)
- noun: خَالِدٌ عُصْفُورٌ تَفَّاحَةٌ (apple, sparrow, Khalid)
- preposition: هَلْ فِي لَمْ (lam of negation, in, hal question word)

18. A verb is a word that denotes an action or state in the past, present or future. For example: كُنْتُ كَتَبْتُ (write, be, I write, I am, I wrote, I was)

19. A noun is a word that denotes an adjective or noun that can be described.

- A noun that can be described is a noun that denotes a person, animal or thing. For example: مَرِيَمُ فَرَسٌ وَرَقَّةٌ (paper, horse, Maryam)
- An adjective is a word that is related to another word describing its condition: for example: شَجَرَةٌ عَالِيَةٌ حَيَّوَانٌ بَرِّيٌّ (a wild animal, a tall tree)

20. A preposition is a word that does not have a meaning unless it is related to a verb or noun. For example: the /لَمْ/ of negation for it does not have a meaning unless one says لَا يَضْرِبُ (don't hit).

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