

# The Division of Nouns Into Masculine and Feminine

56. What is a masculine noun?

57. What is a feminine noun?

58. What gender to non-living objects have?

59. What are the signs of feminine nouns?

56. A masculine noun is a noun that denotes a male human or animal. For example: **أَبٌ أَسَدٌ** (a lion, a father)

57. A feminine noun is a noun that denotes a female human or animal. For example: **أُمٌ لَيوَةٌ** (a lioness, a mother)

58. Non living objects are:

- Always masculine; for example: **قَمَرٌ سَيْفٌ** (a moon, a sword)
- Always feminine; for example: **شَمْسٌ عَيْنٌ** (a sun, an eye)

59. There are three signs of a feminine noun:

- The ة ; for example: **كَاذِبَةٌ** (a female liar)
  - The ى ; for example: **كُبْرَى** (a female name)
  - The اء ; for example: **حَسَنَاءُ** (a beautiful woman)
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