

Cardinal Numbers

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215. There are two types of numbers: cardinal and ordinal.

216. A cardinal number is a noun that indicates the amount of a countable thing. For example: **أربعة أولاد** (four children)

217. There are twelve foundational cardinal numbers: **واحد** (one), **إثنان** (two), **ثلاثة** (three), **أربعة** (four), **خمسة** (five), **سنة** (six), **سبعة** (seven), **ثمانية** (eight), **تسعة** (nine), **عشرة** (ten), **مائة** (hundred), and **ألف** (thousand).

218. There are four types of cardinal numbers:

- Single: from one to ten, including a hundred and a thousand.
- Compound: from eleven to nineteen.

- Decimal: from twenty until ninety.
- Coupled: from twenty–one until ninety–nine.

219. The rules relating single numbers are:

- One and two: they are masculine when the numbered object is masculine and feminine when the numbered object is feminine. For example: **رَجُلٌ وَاحِدٌ** (one man) and **إِمْرَأَةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ** (one woman).
- From three to ten: they are feminine when the numbered object is masculine and masculine when the numbered object is feminine. For example: **ثَلَاثَةُ أَوْلَادٍ** (three boys) and **ثَلَاثُ وَالِدَاتٍ** (three girls).
- A hundred and a thousand: they remain the same regardless if the numbered object is masculine or feminine. For example: **مِائَةٌ صَبِيٍّ** (a hundred boys) and **مِائَةٌ فَتَاةٍ** (a hundred girls).

220. The rule regarding compound numbers is that the first part of the number follows the rules for single numbers and the second part follows the numbered object in gender. For example: **عَشْرَ عَدَدًا** (eleven numbers) and **خَمْسَةَ عَشَرَ بَيْتًا** (fifteen houses).

221. The rule regarding decimal numbers is that they remain the same regardless of the gender of the numbered object. For example: **عِشْرُونَ رَجُلًا** (twenty men) and **عِشْرُونَ أَمْرَةً** (twenty women).

222. The rule regarding coupled numbers is that the first part of the number follows the rules for single numbers and the second part remains the same regardless of the gender of the numbered object. For example: **عِشْرُونَ**, **اِثْنَانِ** و **عِشْرُونَ**, **وَاحِدٌ** و **عِشْرُونَ**, and **عِشْرُونَ** و **ثَلَاثَةٌ** for masculine objects and **وَاحِدَةٌ** و **عِشْرُونَ**, **اِثْنَانِ** و **عِشْرُونَ** and **ثَلَاثٌ** و **عِشْرُونَ** for feminine objects.

223. The rules of numbers in respect to vowel signs are:

- Two: follows the rules regarding dual forms. For example: **اِثْنَانِ** and **اِثْنَيْنِ** (two masculine) and **اِثْنَانِ** and **اِثْنَيْنِ** (two feminine).
- Decimal: follows the rules of sound masculine plurals. For example: **عِشْرِينَ** and **عِشْرُونَ** (twenty).
- Compound: The first part of the number is indeclinable with a *fathah*. For example: **جَلَسَ أَحَدٌ عَشَرَ رَجُلًا** (eleven men sat on eleven chairs).
- The rest of the numbers: follow the rules regarding other nouns. For example: **جَاءَ رَجَالٌ ثَلَاثَةٌ حَامِلِينَ أَرْبَعَةَ كُتُبٍ** (three men came carrying four books).

224. The rules of the numbered object are:

- From three until ten: the numbered object is plural in the genitive state. For example: **جَاءَ ثَلَاثَةُ أَوْلَادٍ** (three boys came).

- From a hundred to a thousand: the numbered object is singular and in the genitive state. For example: **جاءَ مئةٌ ولدٍ** (a hundred boys came).
- From eleven to ninety-nine: the numbered object is singular and in the accusative state. For example: **جاءَ أربعةَ عشرَ واداً** (fourteen boys came).

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