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# QUR'ANIC ARABIC - LEVEL I

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## Unit ١٥ - Past Tense (III)

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# Essentials of verbal sent.

1. Arabic verb change according to subject :
  - Masculine doer must have masculine verb
  - Feminine doer must have feminine verb

قَرَأَ مَاجِدٌ

Madjid read

قَرَأَتْ عَائِشَةُ

‘Aisha read

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2. if subject is a mixed groupe of male & female  $\Rightarrow$  masculine is used

الْأَوْلَادُ وَالْبَنَاتُ دَخَلُوا الْمَدْرَسَةَ

The boys and the girls entered the school

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3. Attached pronouns to a verb are objects

أَخَذَهُ إِلَى الْمَدْرَسَةِ

He took **him** to the school

أَخَذَنِي وَالِدِي إِلَى السُّوقِ

My father took **me** to the market

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4. Doer of action is usually “hidden” within the verb unless specified elsewhere in the sentence
5. Verb can come **before** or **after** the subject
6. Plural verbs are only used for human

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7. If the subject is plural but non-human, it is considered (grammatically) as being singular feminine ( هِيَ )
- This is a very important concept in Arabic since there is virtually no exception to this rule

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8. If the subject is a group of humans, the verb will singular if it comes **before** the subject

دَخَلَ الرَّجَالُ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ

The men entered the masjid/mosque

كَتَبَتِ الْبَنَاتُ الْخِطَابَاتِ ، ثُمَّ خَرَجْنَ

The girls wrote the letters and then they went out<sub>7</sub>

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8. This rule is only for 3<sup>rd</sup> person and agrees only in gender (not in number)

ذَهَبَ الْوَلَدُ

ذَهَبَ الْأَوْلَادُ

ذَهَبَتِ الْبِنْتُ

ذَهَبَتِ الْبَنَاتُ



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9. If the subject is a group of humans, the verb will agree in gender & number if it comes **after** the subject

الْأَوْلَادُ جَلَسُوا فِي الْفَصْلِ

The boys sat in the class

# Essentials of verbal sent.

plural, human

singular

إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ

plural

قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ

When the hypocrites come to you, [O Muhammad],  
they say, "We testify that you are the Messenger  
of Allah."

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## 10.Exception in Quran

فemmn. masc.  
↑ ↑  
وَقَالَ نِسْوَةٌ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ (١٢:٣٠)

And women in the city said ...

masc. femn.  
↑ ↗  
قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا (٤٩:١٤)

The bedouins said ...

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10. This exception is found in Quran and other Classical Arabic texts

- used for rhetoric reasons
- when the broken plural form is used for human

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# Classwork

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# Word Revision

Questions / Info ?

Close books

Vocabulary

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# Next Week

## Exercise Unit 13 & 14

Du'a

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