

ALI 710: Quranic Arabic & knowledge, Level 4

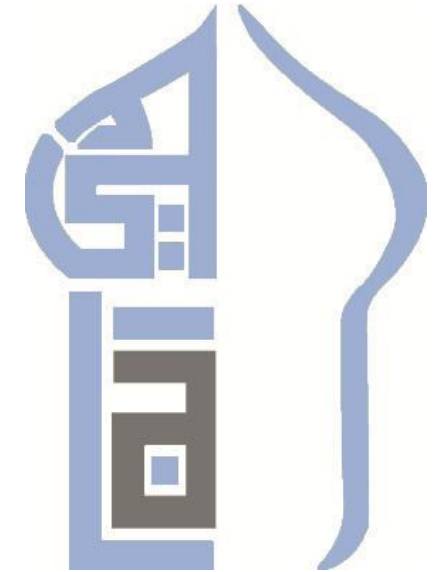


Session 2: **Wednesday Jan 21, 2026**, 7:30 – 8:30 pm NY/Toronto time.

Description: In this online course, specially tailored for serious learners, we will attempt to simplify Quranic Arabic. To make it interesting, we will begin with a brief tafsīr of short surahs or passages.

At this level, we will continue learning grammatical rules on nouns covered in Lesson 13 onwards in Qur'anic Language Made Easy by Hafiza Iffath Hasan.

Today's agenda: 1. a brief discussion on Sūrat al-Qari'ah (# 101). 2. going through last week's homework. 3. Revision of Sound Plural (Lesson 14) . 4. Detailed discussion of Lesson 15 on Broken Plural. 5. Why study Quranic Arabic.



سُورَةُ الْقَارِعَةِ / Sūrat al-Qari‘ah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. الْقَارِعَةُ ﴿١﴾ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ ﴿٢﴾ وَمَا أَذْرَاكَ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ ﴿٣﴾ يَوْمَ
يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ ﴿٤﴾ وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعُفُوشِ ﴿٥﴾ فَأَمَّا مَنْ
ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ ﴿٦﴾ فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ ﴿٧﴾ وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ ﴿٨﴾ فَأُمُّهُ
هَآوِيَةٌ ﴿٩﴾ وَمَا أَذْرَاكَ مَا هِيَ ﴿١٠﴾ نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ ﴿١١﴾

Bismillāh. The Catastrophe! (1) What is the Catastrophe? (2) What will show you what is the Catastrophe? (3) [It is] the day when mankind will be like scattered moths (4) and the mountains like carded wool. (5) As for him, whose deeds weigh heavy in the scales, (6) he will have a pleasing life. (7) But as for him, whose deeds weigh light in the scales, (8) his home will be the Abyss. (9) And what will show you what it is? (10) It is a scorching fire! (11)

Applicable tajwīd rules when reciting the sūrah:

(i) the phrase وَمَا أَذْرَاكَ appears twice; ensure to take care of long *madd*.

Brief discussion on Sūrat al-Qari‘ah / سُورَةُ الْقَارِعَةِ

Reveled in Makkah, it talks about the cataclysmic events that transform the earth and usher the Day of Judgement. It then describes a station where the real worth of all human actions is determined on the scales of deeds (*mīzan*). For those whose scales are heavy, Paradise is the reward. But for those whose scales are light, hellfire awaits. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ: *Whoever recites this sūrah, Allah will make heavy his scales (mīzan) with good deeds on the Day of Judgement.* Imam Muhammad al-Bāqir عليه السلام: *whoever recites al-Qāri‘ah frequently will be protected by Allah from the trial of Dajjal lest he believes in him, and from the terrors of hellfire – if Allah wills.* (Tafsir Tadabbur, Juz’ 30, p. 588 & 589). Verse 5 states that the mighty mountains that stabilize the earth will crumple and become like wool pulled apart. Imagine what would happen to us on such a day? The arrogant and defiant human beings will be broken far quicker than the mighty and strong mountains (Ibid, p. 593). al-Bāqir عليه السلام: *the scales of one whose outward conduct is more prominent than the inner aspect will be light.* Imams al-Bāqir and al-Sādiq عليهما السلام: *nothing heavier is placed on the scales than salawāt on the Prophet ﷺ and his progeny – مَا فِي الْمِيزَانِ شَيْءٌ أَثْقَلُ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ* (Ibid, p. 594).

‘Allāmah Tabātabā’ī: the sūrah presents both glad tidings and warnings of the resurrection, though there is more emphasis on warning. Some exegetes say that resurrection is called *al-qāri‘ah* because it will knock on the hearts with fear, and will also knock out the enemies of Allah with punishment (*Al-Mīzan*, v. 40, p. 322 & 323).

Answers to Homework for the last week

Bismillāh. 1, there is a verse in Surat al-Ahzab (No. 33) which mentions sound plurals (جَمْعُ السَّامِ) ten times for both masculine and feminine. Find this verse and identify sound plurals in the verse. Check this verse on www.quranwbw.com/33/

2, Find the cause of revelation (*sabab al-nuzūl*) of this verse from *Enlightening Commentary on the Light of the Quran* from www.al-islam.org. what is your reflection about this verse.

A group of commentators have said that when 'Asma' Bint-i-'Umayy, the wife of Ja'far-ibn-Abu Talib, accompanied with her husband, came back from Ethiopia, she went to visit the Prophet's wives. One of the questions she began asking was that whether there was anything of the verses of the Qur'an revealed about women. They responded a negative answer to her. Then she came to the Prophet (S) and, concerning it, she said: "O' the Messenger of Allah! Women are in loss!" The Prophet (S) asked her: "Why?" She answered: "For the reason that there has not come in the Islam and Qur'an anything about the excellence of women." It was here that the above verse was revealed (and gave them certainty that the men and women are equal with Allah from the point of nearness and rank. The important thing is that they should have the conditions of excellence from the view of belief, action, and Islamic morals).

<https://al-islam.org/enlightening-commentary-light-holy-quran-vol-14/section-5-no-believer-shall-have-any-choice-against#surah-al-ahzab-verse-35>

Q 33:35 from www.quranwbw.com

إِنَّ	الْمُسْلِمِينَ	وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ	وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ	وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ	وَالْقَانِتِينَ
inna	al-mus'limina	wal-mus'limati	wal-mu'minina	wal-mu'minati	wal-qanitina
Indeed	the Muslim men	and the Muslim women	and the believing men	and the believing women	and the obedient men
وَالْقَانِتَاتِ	وَالصَّادِقِينَ	وَالصَّادِقَاتِ	وَالصَّابِرِينَ	وَالصَّابِرَاتِ	وَالْخَاشِعِينَ
wal-qanitati	wal-sadiqina	wal-sadiqati	wal-sabirina	wal-sabirati	wal-khashi'ina
and the obedient women	and the truthful men	and the truthful women	and the patient men	and the patient women	and the humble men
وَالْخَاشِعَاتِ	وَالْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ	وَالْمُتَصَدِّقَاتِ	وَالصَّائِمِينَ	وَالصَّائِمَاتِ	
wal-khashi'ati	wal-mutasadiqina	wal-mutasadiqati	wal-saimina	wal-saimati	
and the humble women	and the men who give charity	and the women who give charity	and the men who fast	and the women who fast	
وَالْحَافِظِينَ	فُرُوجَهُمْ	وَالْحَافِظَاتِ	وَالذَّاكِرِينَ	اللَّهُ	كَثِيرًا
wal-hafizina	furujahum	wal-hafizati	wal-dhakirina	al-laha	kathiran
and the men who guard	their chastity	and the women who guard (it)	and the men who remember	Allah	much
وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ	أَعَدَّ	اللَّهُ	لَهُمْ	مَغْفِرَةً	وَأَجْرًا
wal-dhakirati	a'adda	al-lahu	lahum	maghfiratan	wa-ajran
and the women who remember	Allah has prepared	Allah has prepared	for them	forgiveness	and a reward
				عَظِيمًا	
				aziman	
				great	

Why study Quranic Arabic?

Bismillāh. Here are a few reasons on why it is important to study Quranic Arabic:

- 1, All Muslims believe that the Quran is a miracle, and its concise words are full of meanings. It is impossible to translate it precisely.
- 2, Translations of the Quran in other languages are products of the translators' personal or individual understanding. This gives differences in the Divine messages, rulings and injunctions.
- 3, The Quran in its original language consist of spiritual attractions and melodious arrangements which permeate the soul and psyche of the reciter, paving grounds for acceptance of the Divine message. Translations deprive the reader of these gifts.
- 4, Allah ﷻ has reveled that the Quran has been revealed in clear Arabic language, and this has been emphasized in numerous verses, such as 12:2, 26:195, 39:28, etc.
- 5, Most translators do not have the knowledge required to understand and interpret the indefinite (*mutashābih*) verbs and complex expressions.

Revision of Lesson 14

Bismillāh. Answer the following questions based on Lesson 14 in the Text

- 1, how many types of plural nouns are there in Arabic?
 - 2, what are these types of plural nouns known as?
 - 3, what is the meaning of the phrase *jama'a saalim* (جَمْعُ السَّالِمِ)? Why is it known so?
 - 4, what is the meaning the phrase *jama'a taksir* (جَمْعُ التَّكْسِيرِ)? Why is known so?
 - 5, mention examples in English for the above two types of nouns in Arabic?
 - 6, Replace the word مُسْلِمٌ with مُؤْمِنٌ in the Table on p. 44. Now conjugate the plural nouns in singular, dual and plural for both genders.
 - 7, Under Exercise on pp. 45 & 46 of the Text, there are 8 Quranic verses. Identify singular, dual and plural nouns in these verses.
- NOW let us go to Lesson 15 on pp. 47 – 49 in the Text to discuss in detail about *jama'a taksir* .

Homework for session 3: Lessons 14 & 15

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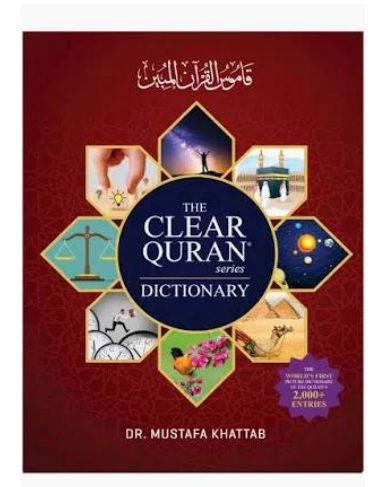
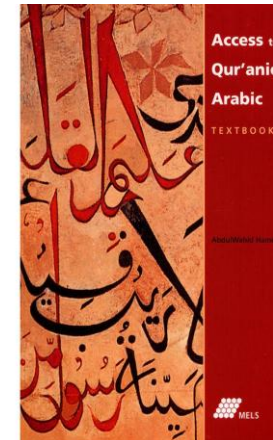
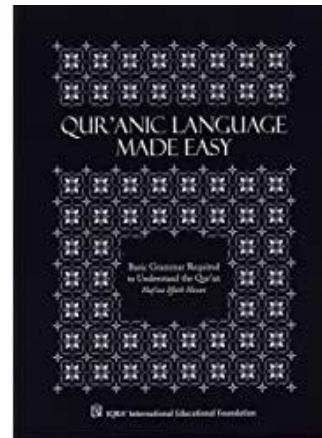
1, using the example in the Table on page 43 of the Text, find the singular, dual and plural for both genders of nouns صَالِحٌ and كَاذِبٌ.

2, identify the broken plurals in the eleven verses on pages 48 & 49 at the end of Lesson 15 of the Text.

Please connect with a classmate via email or Zoom chat to discuss the class content and review each other's homework before the next session.

Textbooks for the course

Ali Quli Qarai	Hafiza Iffath Hasan	AbdulWahid Hamid	Dr Mustafa Khattab
The Qur'an: with a phrase-by-phrase English translation	Qur'anic Language Made Easy	Access to Qur'anic Arabic	The Clear Quran Dictionary



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