2. Masculine and Feminine Genders   مُذَكَّر وَ مُؤَنَّث

You must have heard the Arabic names, for e.g., جَمِيلٌ for a boy and جَمِيلَةٌ for a girl. There

lies the rule. Just put ة at the end of a masculine (singular) word to make it feminine (singular).

For example,

رَاشِدٌ   رَاشِدَةٌ صَالِحٌ صَالِحَةٌ   ذَكِيٌّ   ذَكِيَّةٌ

خَالِدٌ   خَالِدَة   عَابِدٌ   عَابِدَةٌ مُؤْمِنٌ   مُؤْمِنَةٌ

Notes:

1. Arabic has two genders, i.e., masculine gender and feminine gender. There is no common gender in Arabic.

2. A common sign of a feminine word is ة (in general) as the last letter of the word.

3. To make a specific reference, we put اَلْ in front of a common noun in Arabic just as we put "the" in front of a common noun in English. When اَلْ is attached to an Arabic word, we remove one of ُ (dhamma or pesh) from the two ٌ (Tanveen or double pesh). For example,

حَمْدٌ   اَلْحَمْدُ ،   اِنْسَانٌ   اَلْاِنْسَانُ ، رَسُوْلٌ   اَلرَّسُوْلُ

4. Occasionally, the prefix اَلْ is used to imply generality also. For e.g., اَلْاِنْسَان (the human being).

5. If the مُبْتَدَا (subject) is feminine, then its خَبَرْ (predicate) will also be feminine. For example,   اَلْاَبُ صَالِحٌ .   اَلْاُمُّ صَالِحَةٌ.

Additional rules for making feminine gender of dual and plural nouns are given in the following lesson.

*********************** Vocabulary for Lesson No. 2 ***********************

mg. small	صَغِيرٌ	uncle (mother's brother)	خَالٌ	*mg*. beautiful	جَمِيلٌ
fg. small	صَغِيرَةٌ	aunt (mother's sister)	خَالَةٌ	*fg*. beautiful	جَمِيلَةٌ
mg. big	كَبِيرٌ	*mg*. truthful	صَادِقٌ	son	اِبْنٌ
fg. big	كَبِيرَةٌ	brother	اَخٌ	daughter	بِنْتٌ
mg. intelligent	ذَكِيٌّ	*mg*. worshipper	عَابِدٌ	father	اَبٌ
uncle (father's brother)	عَمٌّ	*fg*. worshipper	عَابِدَةٌ	mother	اُمٌّ
aunt (father's sister)	عَمَّةٌ			sister	اُخْتٌ

===================== Exercises for Lesson No. 2 =====================

Find out the masculine and feminine words in the following sentences and translate them into English. The translation is also provided to help you check your answers.

اَلْاِبْنُ جَمِيلٌ	اَلْاَخُ ذَكِيٌّ
اَلْبِنْتُ جَمِيلَةٌ	اَلْاُخْتُ ذَكِيَّةٌ
اَلْاَبُ صَالِحٌ	اَلْخَالُ صَادِقٌ
اَلْاُمُّ صَالِحَةٌ	اَلْخَالَةُ صَادِقَةٌ
اَلْعَمُّ كَبِيرٌ	اَلْاِبْنُ صَغِيرٌ
اَلْعَمَّةُ كَبِيرَةٌ	اَلْبِنْتُ صَغِيرَةٌ