

### 3. Numbers: Singular, Dual and Plural وَاحِدٌ ، ثَنِيَّةٌ ، جَمْعٌ

There are specific rules in Arabic for making singular, dual, and plural forms of a word. (Yes, dual is a separate and distinct Number in Arabic). There are two types of plurals in Arabic. Solid Plural ( جمع سَالِمٌ ) and Broken Plural ( جمع تَكْسِيرٌ ). The plural form depends upon the context in which it is used, as shown below (for the Solid Plural case only):

'Aaraab forms ↓		Plural	Dual	Singular	Gender
<del>مَرْفُوعٌ</del>	<del>with Dhamma ( ُ - ); when used as subject</del>	<del>مُسْلِمُونَ</del>	<del>مُسْلِمَانِ</del>	<del>مُسْلِمٌ</del>	<del>mg. fg.</del>
<del>مَنْصُوبٌ</del>	<del>with Fatha ( َ - ); when used as object</del>	<del>مُسْلِمِينَ</del>	<del>مُسْلِمَيْنِ</del>	<del>مُسْلِمًا</del>	<del>mg. fg.</del>
<del>مَجْرُورٌ</del>	<del>with Kasra ( ِ - ); when the noun is used with preposition</del>	<del>مُسْلِمِينَ</del>	<del>مُسْلِمَيْنِ</del>	<del>مُسْلِمًا</del>	<del>mg. fg.</del>

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Try to practice the rules of making dual and plural by reproducing the above table for the following words (both for masculine and feminine case):

hypocrite	مُنَافِقٌ	believer	مُؤْمِنٌ	disbeliever	كَافِرٌ
patient	صَابِرٌ	helper	نَاصِرٌ	worshipper	عَابِدٌ
scholar	عَالِمٌ	one who struggles	مُجَاهِدٌ	one who remembers	ذَاكِرٌ
pious	صَالِحٌ	killer	قَاتِلٌ	truthful	صَادِقٌ
protector	حَافِظٌ	one who prostrates	سَاجِدٌ	prophet	نَبِيٌّ