Exercise answer key : The article “al-” and the tanwin

Quranic grammar

Detailed answer key for the exercises on "The article “al-” and the tanwin" (Quranic grammar), with step-by-step explanations.

Content under review.

Exercise 1

Add the article ال to the noun (change the ending: the tanwin disappears).

1. كِتَابٌ
   → **الْكِتَابُ**
2. قَمَرٌ
   → **الْقَمَرُ**
3. شَمْسٌ
   → **الشَّمْسُ**
4. نَاسٌ
   → **النَّاسُ**
5. بَيْتٌ
   → **الْبَيْتُ**
6. رَجُلٌ
   → **الرَّجُلُ**
7. وَلَدٌ
   → **الْوَلَدُ**
8. دَرْسٌ
   → **الدَّرْسُ**

Exercise 2

Is the first letter of the noun lunar or solar?

1. قَمَر
   → **lunar**
2. شَمْس
   → **solar**

3. نَاس
   → **solar**
4. كِتَاب
   → **lunar**
5. رَجُل
   → **solar**
6. بَيْت
   → **lunar**
7. تُفَّاح
   → **solar**
8. وَلَد
   → **lunar**

Exercise 3

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. الْقَمَر
   → **al-qamar**
2. الشَّمْس
   → **ash-shams**
3. النَّاس
   → **an-nās**
4. الْكِتَاب
   → **al-kitāb**
5. الرَّجُل
   → **ar-rajul**
6. الدَّرْس
   → **ad-dars**

Exercise 4

Make the noun indefinite: remove the article and add a dammatan.

1. الْبَابُ
   → **بَابٌ**
2. الْكَلْبُ
   → **كَلْبٌ**
3. الشَّجَرُ

→ شَجَرٌ

4. الْوَلَدُ

→ وَلَدٌ

5. الْبَحْرُ

→ بَحْرٌ

Exercise 5

Is this noun definite or indefinite?

1. قَلَمٌ

→ **indefinite**

2. الْقَلَمُ

→ **definite**

3. بَيْتًا

→ **indefinite**

4. الْبَيْتَ

→ **definite**

5. رَجُلٌ

→ **indefinite**

6. الرَّجُلَ

→ **definite**

Exercise 6

Which letter is doubled (shadda) after ال?

1. الشَّمْس

→ **ش**

2. الدَّرْس

→ **د**

3. الرَّجُل

→ **ر**

4. النُّور

→ **ن**

5. السَّمَك

→ **س**

6. التَّمْر

→ ت

Exercise 7

Find the odd one out: the word whose article is lunar.

1. الْقَمَر ـ الشَّمْس ـ النَّاس

→ الْقَمَر

2. الرَّجُل ـ الْكِتَاب ـ الدَّرْس

→ الْكِتَاب

3. التَّمْر ـ السَّمَك ـ الْبَحْر

→ الْبَحْر

4. الصَّبْر ـ الْجَمَل ـ الطِّين

→ الْجَمَل

Exercise 8

Correct the mistake: these solar nouns were written as if they were lunar.

1. الْرَّجُلُ

→ الرَّجُلُ

2. الْدَّرْسُ

→ الدَّرْسُ

3. الْتَّمْرُ

→ التَّمْرُ

4. الْسَّمَكُ

→ السَّمَكُ

Exercise 9

Correct the mistake: these lunar nouns wrongly received a shadda.

1. الْقَّلَمُ

→ الْقَلَمُ

2. الْكَّلْبُ

→ الْكَلْبُ

3. الْبَّابُ

→ الْبَابُ

Exercise 10

True or false?

1. The ل of ال is not pronounced before a solar letter.
   → **True**
2. Indefiniteness is marked by a small word before the noun.
   → **False**
3. A definite noun never takes a tanwin.
   → **True**
4. There are fourteen lunar letters.
   → **True**
5. ن is a lunar letter.
   → **False**

Indefiniteness is marked by the tanwin, not by a word. ن is solar: النَّاس is read an-nās.

Exercise 11

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. the book
   → الْكِتَابُ
2. a book
   → كِتَابٌ
3. the sun
   → الشَّمْسُ
4. a house
   → بَيْتٌ
5. the moon
   → الْقَمَرُ
6. a man
   → رَجُلٌ

Exercise 12

Classify each letter: lunar or solar?

1. ب
   → **lunar**
2. ش
   → **solar**

3. م
   → **lunar**

4. ن
   → **solar**

5. ج
   → **lunar**

6. ص
   → **solar**

7. ع
   → **lunar**

8. ز
   → **solar**

Exercise 13

In each series, copy the lunar letters.

1. ت ب ث ج
   → **ب ج**

2. د ح خ ر
   → **ح خ**

3. ف ز ق س
   → **ف ق**

4. ل ك ط م
   → **ك م**

5. ه ص و ن
   → **ه و**

Exercise 14

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. فِي الْبَيْتِ
   → **fī l-bayti**

2. مِنَ الْكِتَابِ
   → **mina l-kitābi**

3. عَلَى الْبَابِ
   → **ʿalā l-bābi**

4. فِي الشَّمْسِ
   → **fī sh-shamsi**

When words are linked, the alif of ال is not pronounced: the previous vowel joins the ل directly.

Exercise 15

Read the sentences and write their pronunciation.

1. اَلْقَمَرُ كَبِيرٌ
   → **al-qamaru kabīrun**
2. اَلشَّمْسُ جَمِيلَةٌ
   → **ash-shamsu jamīlatun**
3. اَلْكِتَابُ جَدِيدٌ
   → **al-kitābu jadīdun**
4. اَلرَّجُلُ كَرِيمٌ
   → **ar-rajulu karīmun**

Exercise 16

Make the group definite (noun + adjective).

1. كِتَابٌ جَدِيدٌ
   → **اَلْكِتَابُ اَلْجَدِيدُ**
2. قَلَمٌ كَبِيرٌ
   → **اَلْقَلَمُ اَلْكَبِيرُ**
3. بَيْتٌ جَمِيلٌ
   → **اَلْبَيْتُ اَلْجَمِيلُ**
4. رَجُلٌ كَرِيمٌ
   → **اَلرَّجُلُ اَلْكَرِيمُ**

Exercise 17

Make the group indefinite (noun + adjective).

1. اَلْوَلَدُ الصَّغِيرُ
   → **وَلَدٌ صَغِيرٌ**
2. اَلْبَابُ اَلْكَبِيرُ
   → **بَابٌ كَبِيرٌ**
3. اَلشَّجَرُ اَلْكَبِيرُ

→ شَجَرٌ كَبِيرٌ

Exercise 18

In these Quranic words, is the article lunar or solar? Or is the word indefinite?

1. ٱلشَّمْسُ
   → **solar**
2. وَٱلْقَمَرُ
   → **lunar**
3. وَٱلنَّاسِ
   → **solar**
4. ٱلْجَنَّةِ
   → **lunar**
5. هُدًى
   → **indefinite**

The extracts come from the site's Quran text; only the grammar point is studied here.

Exercise 19

In this Quranic extract, classify each word: definite or indefinite.

1. هُدًى
   → **indefinite**
2. وَرَحْمَةً
   → **indefinite**
3. لِّلْمُحْسِنِينَ
   → **definite**

Exercise 20

Writing: write four nouns of your choice, two with the lunar article and two with the solar article.

1. Four nouns
   → الْقَمَرُ ، الْكِتَابُ ، الشَّمْسُ ، الرَّجُلُ

Free answer.