Exercise answer key : The idafa: rabb al-ʿālamīn, yawm ad-dīn

Quranic grammar

Detailed answer key for the exercises on "The idafa: rabb al-ʿālamīn, yawm ad-dīn" (Quranic grammar), with step-by-step explanations.

Content under review.

Exercise 1

Pick out the first term (mudaf) then the second (mudaf ilayhi).

1. كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ
   → كِتَابُ ـ الْمُعَلِّمِ
2. بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ
   → بَيْتُ ـ الْوَلَدِ
3. قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ
   → قَلَمُ ـ الطَّالِبِ
4. مَدْرَسَةُ الْمَدِينَةِ
   → مَدْرَسَةُ ـ الْمَدِينَةِ
5. بَابُ الْبَيْتِ
   → بَابُ ـ الْبَيْتِ
6. حَقِيبَةُ الْبِنْتِ
   → حَقِيبَةُ ـ الْبِنْتِ

Exercise 2

Build the idafa: the first term loses its ال and tanwin, the second is in the genitive.

1. كِتَابٌ + الْمُعَلِّمُ
   → كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ
2. بَيْتٌ + الْوَلَدُ
   → بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ
3. قَلَمٌ + الطَّالِبُ
   → قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ
4. بَابٌ + الْمَدْرَسَةُ

→ بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ

5. سَيَّارَةٌ + الرَّجُلُ

→ سَيَّارَةُ الرَّجُلِ

6. مَكْتَبٌ + الْمُدِيرُ

→ مَكْتَبُ الْمُدِيرِ

Exercise 3

Correct the idafa mistake.

1. الْكِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ

→ كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ

2. كِتَابٌ الْمُعَلِّمِ

→ كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ

3. بَيْتُ الْوَلَدُ

→ بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ

4. الْقَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ

→ قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ

5. بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةُ

→ بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ

Exercise 4

Is the group definite or indefinite? (Definiteness comes from the second term.)

1. كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ

→ definite

2. كِتَابُ مُعَلِّمٍ

→ indefinite

3. بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ

→ definite

4. بَيْتُ وَلَدٍ

→ indefinite

5. قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ

→ definite

6. قَلَمُ طَالِبٍ

→ indefinite

Exercise 5

Make the idafa definite: add ال to the second term.

1. كِتَابُ مُعَلِّمٍ
   → كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ
2. بَيْتُ وَلَدٍ
   → بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ
3. قَلَمُ طَالِبٍ
   → قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ
4. بَابُ مَدْرَسَةٍ
   → بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ

Exercise 6

Chain the idafas: write the complete chain.

1. بَابٌ + بَيْتٌ + الْمُعَلِّمُ
   → بَابُ بَيْتِ الْمُعَلِّمِ
2. مِفْتَاحٌ + سَيَّارَةٌ + الْوَلَدُ
   → مِفْتَاحُ سَيَّارَةِ الْوَلَدِ
3. كِتَابٌ + مُعَلِّمٌ + الْمَدْرَسَةُ
   → كِتَابُ مُعَلِّمِ الْمَدْرَسَةِ
4. غُرْفَةٌ + بَيْتٌ + الْمُعَلِّمُ
   → غُرْفَةُ بَيْتِ الْمُعَلِّمِ

Exercise 7

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. the teacher's book
   → كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ
2. the student's house
   → بَيْتُ الطَّالِبِ
3. the school door
   → بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ
4. the girl's pen
   → قَلَمُ الْبِنْتِ
5. the man's car

→ سَيَّارَةُ الرَّجُلِ

6. the house key
→ مِفْتَاحُ الْبَيْتِ

Exercise 8

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ
→ **kitābu l-muʿal-limi**
2. بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ
→ **baytu l-waladi**
3. قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ
→ **qalamu ṭ-ṭālibi**
4. بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ
→ **bābu l-madrasati**
5. مِفْتَاحُ الْبَيْتِ
→ **miftāḥu l-bayti**

Exercise 9

True or false?

1. In an idafa the first term takes neither ال nor tanwin.
→ **True**
2. The second term of the idafa is always in the genitive.
→ **True**
3. One can say الْكِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ for “the teacher's book”.
→ **False**
4. كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ is definite.
→ **True**
5. One cannot chain several idafas.
→ **False**

Exercise 10

Find the odd one out: the group that is not an idafa.

1. كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ ـ بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ ـ الْكِتَابُ كَبِيرٌ
→ **الْكِتَابُ كَبِيرٌ**
2. بَابُ الْبَيْتِ ـ الْوَلَدُ صَغِيرٌ ـ قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ
→ **الْوَلَدُ صَغِيرٌ**
3. هُوَ كَرِيمٌ ـ مِفْتَاحُ الْبَيْتِ ـ غُرْفَةُ الْمُعَلِّمِ

→ هُوَ كَرِيمٌ

4. الشَّمْسُ حَارَّةٌ ـ بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ ـ بَيْتُ الْمُعَلِّمِ
   → الشَّمْسُ حَارَّةٌ

Exercise 11

These words are idafas with a suffix pronoun. Write the first term and the suffix.

1. كِتَابِي
   → كِتَاب + ـي
2. بَيْتُكَ
   → بَيْت + ـكَ
3. قَلَمُهَا
   → قَلَم + ـهَا
4. مَدْرَسَتُنَا
   → مَدْرَسَة + ـنَا

Exercise 12

In these Quranic extracts, copy the first term (mudaf) then the second (mudaf ilayhi).

1. رَبِّ ٱلْعَٰلَمِينَ
   → رَبّ ـ ٱلْعَٰلَمِينَ
2. يَوْمِ ٱلدِّينِ
   → يَوْم ـ ٱلدِّينِ
3. كِتَٰبَ ٱللَّهِ
   → كِتَٰبَ ـ ٱللَّهِ

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

Exercise 13

In these Quranic extracts, what is the case of the word?

1. ٱلْعَٰلَمِينَ
   → genitive (kasra)
2. ٱلدِّينِ
   → genitive (kasra)
3. ٱللَّهِ
   → genitive (kasra)

4. يَوْمِ
   → **genitive (kasra)**

Exercise 14

How many idafas does each Quranic extract contain?

1. مَٰلِكِ يَوْمِ ٱلدِّينِ
   2 →
2. رَبِّ ٱلْعَٰلَمِينَ
   1 →
3. كِتَٰبَ ٱللَّهِ
   1 →

In مَٰلِكِ يَوْمِ ٱلدِّينِ two idafas are chained: “master of the day” and “day of the judgment”.

Exercise 15

Complete with the second term in the genitive.

1. بَيْتُ ؟ (الْوَلَدُ)
   الْوَلَدِ →
2. قَلَمُ ؟ (الطَّالِبُ)
   الطَّالِبِ →
3. سَيَّارَةُ ؟ (الرَّجُلُ)
   الرَّجُلِ →
4. غُرْفَةُ ؟ (الْمُعَلِّمَةُ)
   الْمُعَلِّمَةِ →
5. حَقِيبَةُ ؟ (الطَّالِبَةُ)
   الطَّالِبَةِ →

Exercise 16

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ جَدِيدٌ
   → kitābu l-muʿal-limi jadīdun
2. بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ كَبِيرٌ
   → bābu l-madrasati kabīrun
3. بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ جَمِيلٌ
   → baytu l-waladi jamīlun

4. قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ صَغِيرٌ
   → **qalamu ṭ-ṭālibi ṣaghīrun**

Exercise 17

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. The school door is big.
   → **بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ كَبِيرٌ**
2. The teacher's house is beautiful.
   → **بَيْتُ الْمُعَلِّمِ جَمِيلٌ**
3. The student's pen is small.
   → **قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ صَغِيرٌ**
4. The man's car is new.
   → **سَيَّارَةُ الرَّجُلِ جَدِيدَةٌ**

Exercise 18

How many idafas in each sentence?

1. كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ عَلَى بَابِ الْبَيْتِ
   2 →
2. الْكِتَابُ كَبِيرٌ
   0 →
3. مِفْتَاحُ بَيْتِ الْمُعَلِّمِ
   2 →
4. قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ فِي حَقِيبَةِ الْبِنْتِ
   2 →

Exercise 19

In each idafa, which word is defined by the second term? Copy the first term.

1. كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ
   → **كِتَابُ**
2. بَابُ الْمَدْرَسَةِ
   → **بَابُ**
3. سَيَّارَةُ الرَّجُلِ
   → **سَيَّارَةُ**
4. غُرْفَةُ الْمُعَلِّمَةِ
   → **غُرْفَةُ**

Exercise 20

Writing: write four idafas with four different first terms, including one chain of two idafas.

1. Four idafas

   → كِتَابُ الْمُعَلِّمِ ، بَيْتُ الْوَلَدِ ، قَلَمُ الطَّالِبِ ، مِفْتَاحُ بَيْتِ الْمُعَلِّمِ

Free answer.