



Lesson 2

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Gender

Arabic nouns have gender. They can be masculine and feminine.

What is the difference between these two words?



جدة

جدة

باب

باب



The 'tah marboota' is often how we tell **masculine** and **feminine** nouns apart



اسماء الاشارة – This

This is a pen.

This is a ruler.

In Arabic we say:

This a pen.

This a ruler.



But, in Arabic we differentiate between masculine and feminine.....

اسماء الاشارة – This

Pen is a masculine noun.

Ruler is a feminine noun.

So in Arabic we have two words that correspond to the English “this”:

masculine

هذا

feminine

هذه



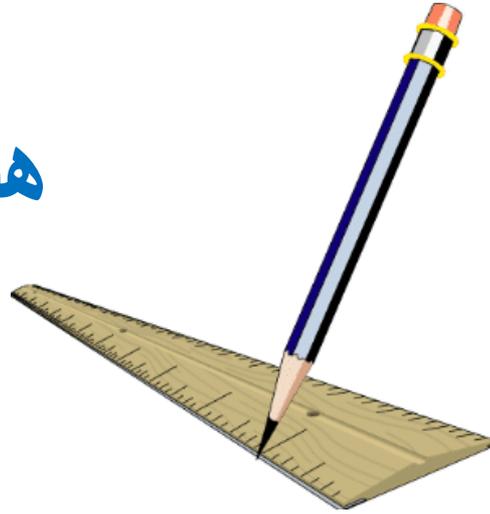
اسماء الاشارة – This

Pen is a masculine noun.

Ruler is a feminine noun.

So in Arabic we would say:

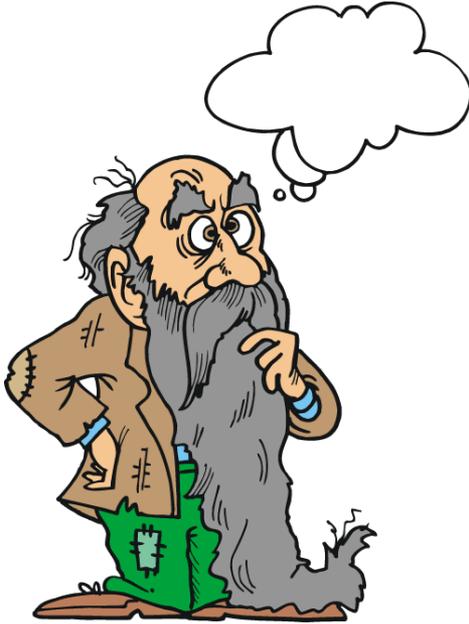
هذا قلم.



هذه مسطرة.

اسماء الاشارة – This

Match the following.



عم
عمة
ولاد
بنات

هذا

هذه

هذا

هذه

My - ي



Mum + **MY** = **My** mum.

أم + ي = أُمِّي

Brother + **MY** = **My** Brother

أخ + ي = أَخِي

أنا - ا

Arabic has no 'copula' verb.

أنا أحمد .

I am Ahmed.

Or you can say "my name is":

أنا اسمي أحمد .



نحن - We

Arabic has no 'copula' verb.



نحن عائلة.

We are (a) family.

نا - Our

الله

God + Our = Our God.

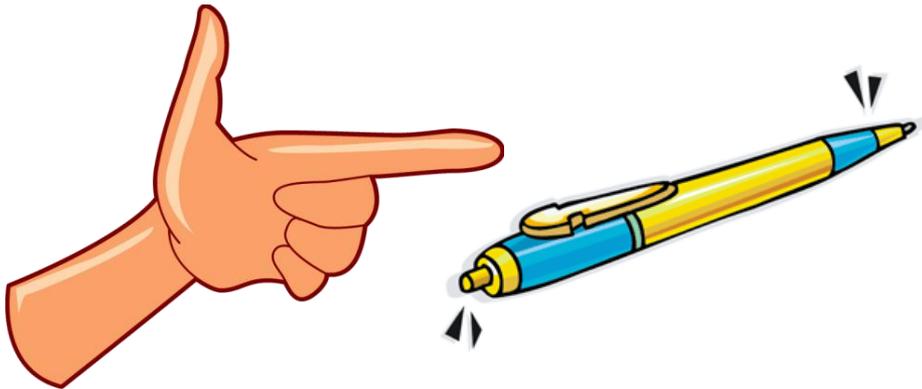
ربنا = نا + رب

Basic ownership

To say that a pen belongs to a certain person you construct the following phrase..

هذا قلم عائشة.

هذه مسطرة عائشة.



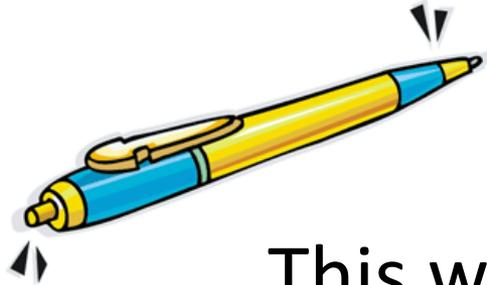
Questions — اسئلة

The first question structure we can form is:

What is this?

The word what is:

ما



This word is used to ask about animals or things.

اسئلة — Questions

What + this =

Technically

ما هذا؟ ما هذه؟

هذا قاموس.

هذه قصة.

هذا قاموس محمد.

هذه قصة محمد.

اسئلة — Questions

What + this =

In reality if you are inquiring about what something is you would not know the gender. People will respond correctly.

ما هذا؟

هذه قصة.

هذا قاموس.

هذه قصة محمد.

هذا قاموس محمد.

Questions – أسئلة

The second question structure we can form is:

Who is this?



The word “who” is:

مَنْ



This word is used to ask about people.

اسئلة — Questions

Who + this =

من هذا؟ من هذه؟

هذا عطي . هذه أمينة .

Conversation

How are you?

كَيْفَ حَالُكَ؟

كَيْفَ حَالِي؟

يا النداء – Vocative Case

كيف حالتك يا سمير؟

How are you **O'** Sameer?

