

Masculin and Feminine in Arabic.

While learning a foreign language, it is a bit hard to guess or figure out if a certain noun is masculine or feminine because what is masculine in your mother tongue can be feminine in the language you are learning. Sometimes we need to know that to use the right article or let's say demonstrative pronoun. Here is how I would summarise it.

All feminine nouns end with **ة** or Alif Maqsora like **سلمى** while the rest is masculine. It sounds simple, right? let me think of some examples

Feminine	Masculine
شجرة tree	قلم pen
ملعقة spoon	كتاب book
وردة rose / flower	منزل house
وسادة pillow	حاسوب computer

Now, here is how you form feminine out of masculine nouns. You simple add **ة** to the end of the word.

Feminine	Masculine
سيدة Mrs	سيد Mr
تلميذة	تلميذ student
كاتبة	كاتب writer
معلمة	معلم teacher
ممرضة	ممرض nurse

However, there are some exceptions. Here they are below.

Feminine	Masculine
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إمرأة woman	رجل man
بنت daughter / girl	ولد son / boy
بقرة cow	ثور ox
دجاجة chicken	ديك cock

Alright Ok. That's it for today.