

## Characteristics of the Arabic language

### What are the characteristics of the Arabic Language?

Usually some say that Arabic is difficult comparing with other languages, but don't let this idea control you, you will see that Arabic has a nice sounds, rich language which contains a lot of synonym words; so that will help you when you use it if you forget a word you can use another word has the same meaning, also something you will like it in Arabic language that it is a toning language, it means you can guess if the sentence is a question or command etc..

Have you ever heard about what are the features of Arabic?

Come with me to know some of it:

- Arabic is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world
- Arabic is one of the six official languages of the United Nations
- Arabic is the official language in all Arab countries
- Arabic is very important to Muslims especially; because they need it in their worship in addition, it is important for businessmen, merchants, those who live in Arab country
- It contains 28 letters.
- It has 3 long vowels & 3 short vowels.
- We read & write from right to the left
- Arabic has a gender which means when you describe or talk with male or female you must do small changes for example "you drink" with male we say "sharebta" with female we say "Sharebti" as you see the difference is "a" or "I" at the end of the verb; so it's not difficult
- Arabic has singular, dual & plural, in dual for example we add two letters to the singular like: 2 books "Kitaban or Kitabain" كتابان/كتابين, also with a verbs you can conjugate it to make it dual or plural, for example: "Rakeba" he rode, "Rakeba" they(2) rode, "Rakeboo" they rode

- Something amazing in Arabic language that Many words can be generated from the same root, and most of the time you can guess the meaning of the words from the same root if you know this root; for example to study “darasa” , “Madroos” is studied , “madrasa” is “school” , as you see you can notice that there is three letters( d,r, s) you can find it in all words which we call it “roots” plus you can see that there is a relation in meaning between these words.
- You must conjugate the verbs in Arabic with gender and numbers except you start the sentence with the verb here you conjugate it with gender just