

## Lesson 3: The Definite Article



### Review

- Take dictation on the vocabulary words from lesson 1.\*
- Write the translation of each Arabic word you write from Part A.
- How is indefiniteness expressed in Arabic?

\*teacher says the Arabic words



### Goal

- To learn about the definite article, ال, in Arabic.



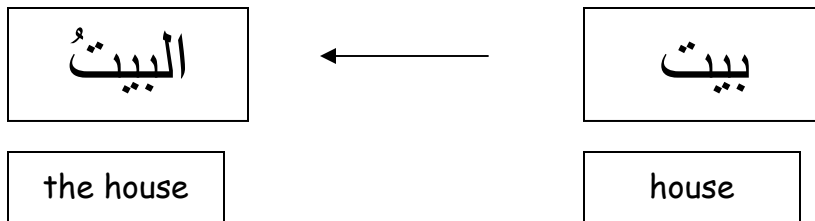
### Learn

Let's suppose we want to speak about a specific house.

In English, we would say: "the house," using the definite article, "the."

In Arabic, the definite article is ال and it is prefixed to (attached to the front of) the word.

#### Example:



Notice that when we add the definite article ال to a word, there is no nunation (

نون

تخفيف) just an ending vowel ( )



## Practice

A. Write the following words in Arabic in your **Assignment** notebook. Watch your end vowelings.

the house, the door, the man, the boy, the chair, the book, the river, the sea, the street, the cup

B. Write the following in Arabic:

a door, the house, a man, the boy, the river, a chair, the book, a sea, the cup, a street.



## Wrap Up

- What is the definite article in Arabic?
- Where is the indefinite article placed?
- What is the difference between an indefinite noun and a definite one (in how it is written—mention 2 points)