

Lesson 7: Introduction to Adjectives

Review:

- Give student a quiz on the previous lesson's vocabulary words and those from Lesson 1.
- Ask student questions from the previous lessons' Wrap Up sections.

Goal:

- To learn about the use of adjectives

Learn: Adjectives

1. If we want to describe something in English, we use an adjective. (e.g. a small house, where "small" is an adjective.

In English, we place the adjective before the noun it describes. small house

In Arabic, we place the describing word after the word it describes.

بيت صغير	مثل ١:
a small house	

البيت الصغير	مثل ٢:
the small house	

Note that when the noun is indefinite, its adjective is indefinite (and takes nunation if the noun does) and when the noun is definite, the adjective is definite and takes ال just as the noun does (and has no nunation).

Practice:

Write the following phrases in Arabic in your Assignment notebook:

1. a pretty house	2. the young boy	3. the narrow street
4. a big chair	5. a tall man	6. the wide door
7. the handsome boy	8. an old book	9. a short man
10. the pretty sea	11. the wide river	12. a big cup

Learn, Part 2

Using 2 or more adjectives:

When we want to use 2 or more adjectives to describe a noun, we do not need to put “and” between the two adjectives:

a fine new house

بَيْتٌ جَمِيلٌ جَدِيدٌ

the fine new house

الْبَيْتُ الْجَمِيلُ الْجَدِيدُ

Notice from both examples that both adjectives match the noun they describe in ending and whether they have an article or not.

Practice, Part 2

Write the following phrases in Arabic in your Assignment notebook:

1. a big, beautiful house	2. a long, narrow street
3. the tall, old man	4. a big, new house
5. the young, handsome boy	6. a short, wide street

On your own:

Using past Arabic vocabulary words, choose a noun, and an adjective to describe it, when them in phrases as in the above exercises (the _____ or a _____)

Wrap Up

Where is the adjective placed in relation to the noun it describes in Arabic?
At this point, the adjective should match the noun in what two ways?