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In the Name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Merciful

الضَّمَائِرُ الْمُنْفَصِلَةُ

(Independent Personal Pronouns)

Class 1

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The Arabic language has twelve independent personal pronouns (الضَّمَائِرُ الْمُنْفَصِلَةُ) that must be memorized. Each pronoun has its number, gender and person. It is important to distinguish these as separate categories in order to enhance the understanding of verbs. It is also important to know the terminology surrounding these personal pronouns. Below is a list of some key concepts and definitions:

الضَّمِيرُ ج الضَّمَائِرُ (Pronoun)

Gender:

1. مُذَكَّرٌ - masculine
2. مُؤَنَّثٌ - feminine

Note: The Arabic language does not possess a neuter gender equivalent to the English “it”. Thus, every noun belongs to one of these two categories.

Number:

1. مُفْرَدٌ - singular; speaking to, for or about one person.
2. مُثَنَّى - dual; speaking to, for or about two persons.
3. جَمْعٌ - plural; speaking to, for or about three or more persons.

Person:

1. مُتَكَلِّمٌ - 1st person. Referring to the speaker.
2. مُخَاطَبٌ - 2nd person. Referring to the person being spoken to.
3. غَائِبٌ - 3rd person. Referring to the person being spoken about.

Now you are ready to analyze the chart on the following page!

Person	Gender	Number	Translation	الضمير
غَائِبٌ (3 rd person)	مُدَكَّرٌ (masculine)	مُفْرَدٌ (singular)	he/it	هُوَ
غَائِبٌ (3 rd person)	مُدَكَّرٌ (masculine)	مُتَنِّى (dual)	they	هُمَا
غَائِبٌ (3 rd person)	مُدَكَّرٌ (masculine)	جَمْعٌ (plural)	they	هُمْ
غَائِبٌ (3 rd person)	مُؤَنَّثٌ (feminine)	مُفْرَدٌ (singular)	she/it	هِيَ
غَائِبٌ (3 rd person)	مُؤَنَّثٌ (feminine)	مُتَنِّى (dual)	they	هُمَا
غَائِبٌ (3 rd person)	مُؤَنَّثٌ (feminine)	جَمْعٌ (plural)	they	هُنَّ
مُخَاطَبٌ (2 nd person)	مُدَكَّرٌ (masculine)	مُفْرَدٌ (singular)	you	أَنْتَ
مُخَاطَبٌ (2 nd person)	مُدَكَّرٌ (masculine)	مُتَنِّى (dual)	you	أَنْتُمَا
مُخَاطَبٌ (2 nd person)	مُدَكَّرٌ (masculine)	جَمْعٌ (plural)	you	أَنْتُمْ
مُخَاطَبٌ (2 nd person)	مُؤَنَّثٌ (feminine)	مُفْرَدٌ (singular)	you	أَنْتِ
مُخَاطَبٌ (2 nd person)	مُؤَنَّثٌ (feminine)	مُتَنِّى (dual)	you	أَنْتُمَا
مُخَاطَبٌ (2 nd person)	مُؤَنَّثٌ (feminine)	جَمْعٌ (plural)	you	أَنْتُنَّ
مُتَكَلِّمٌ (1 st person)	مُدَكَّرٌ وَمُؤَنَّثٌ (masc. and fem.)	مُفْرَدٌ (singular)	I	أَنَا
مُتَكَلِّمٌ (1 st person)	مُدَكَّرٌ وَمُؤَنَّثٌ (masc. and fem.)	مُتَنِّى وَجَمْعٌ (dual and plural)	we	نَحْنُ

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				هُوَ
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				هُمْ
				هِيَ
				هُمَا
				هِنَّ
				أَنْتَ
				أَنْتُمَا
				أَنْتُمْ
				أَنْتِ
				أَنْتُمَا
				أَنْتُنَّ
				أَنَا
				نَحْنُ