

Q & A

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Question

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله

In your *Arabic Conversation Drills* book (episode 31, page 195) it says:

بِكَمْ يُبَاعُ هَذَا الْقَلَمُ يَا مُحَمَّدُ؟

= يُبَاعُ بِخَمْسَةِ دُولَارَاتٍ.

Why is it not:

? يُبَاعُ بِخَمْسِ دُولَارَاتٍ

Answer

Our Shaykh Dr. Abdur Rahim, **حفظه الله** replied (quote):

Dear Br Yusuf

وعليكم السلام

No, it has to be

بِخَمْسَةِ دُولَارَاتٍ

because the word **دُولَار** is masculine, and so the number should be feminine.

Probably you say this because **دُولَارَاتٍ** is sound feminine plural.

That is of no consequence.

The rules pertaining to the number are based on the gender of the **مَعْدُود** in singular.

قَاعِدَةٌ

Note:

خَمْسُ سَيَّارَاتٍ

but

خَمْسَةُ مُسْتَشْفِيَّاتٍ

Hope this is clear.

Wassalaam,
abdur rahim