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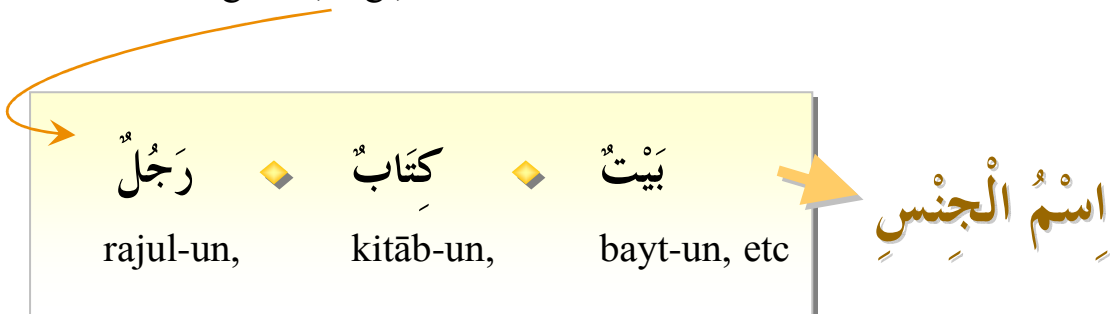
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اسْمُ الْجِنْسِ *common noun* is the opposite of الْعَلَمُ *proper name*.

A proper name (الْعَلَمُ) can be applied to a particular person or place, e.g.



Whereas a common noun (اسْمُ الْجِنْسِ) can be applied to all the members of the genus, e.g.,



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اسْمُ الْجِنْسِ الْجَمْعِيِّ refers to the genus, and so, it is plural in meaning, e.g.:

الرُّومُ	◆	التُّرْكُ	◆	العَرَبُ
al-rūm-u,		al-turk-u,		al-‘arab-u
<i>the Byzantians</i>		<i>the turks</i>		<i>the Arabs</i>

السَّمَكُ	◆	المَوْزُ	◆	التَّمْرُ
al-samak-u		al-mawz-u,		al-tamr-u
<i>fish</i>		<i>bananas</i>		<i>dates</i>

To form the singular of the first type, a *yā'* is added, e.g.,

عَرَبِيٌّ ← عَرَبٌ

‘arabiyy-un ←

تُرْكِيٌّ ← تُرْكٌ

turkiyy-un ←

رُومِيٌّ ← رُومٌ

rūmiyy-un ←

etc.

And to form the singular of the second type, a *tā' marbūṭah* is added, e.g.,

tamr-at-un	تَمْرَةٌ	←	تَمْرَةٌ
mawz-at-un	مَوْزَةٌ	←	مَوْزَةٌ
samak-at-un	سَمَكَةٌ	←	سَمَكٌ

اسْمُ الْجَمْعِ

A collective noun in English means a singular noun which refers to a group of people like a *committee*, a *team* etc.

Such a type of noun is called **اسْمُ الْجَمْعِ** in Arabic.

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Admin's note:

For examples of **اسْمُ الْجَمْعِ** see our Shaykh's:

١. «المُسْعَفُ فِي لُغَةِ وَإِعْرَابِ سُورَةِ يُوسُفَ» . pgs 95, 96, 117.

٢. «نُصُوصٌ إِسْلَامِيَّةٌ: قِصَّةُ سَلْمَانَ الْفَارِسِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ» .