

اللغة العربية

«سَيِّدٌ»



Question

What is the difference in meaning and grammar between:

سَيِّدٌ *sayyid* and سَيِّدٌ *sayyad*?

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



Dear Br Ahmad

وعليكم السلام

- ✓ The correct Arabic word is **سَيِّد** (*sayyid*).
- ✗ There is no **سَيِّد** (*sayyad*) in Arabic.

In the Indian sub-continent it is wrongly pronounced with *fathah*.

سَيِّد is the *ism al-fā'il* of **سَادَ يَسُودُ** meaning:

to lead, to rule, to govern.

سَيِّد (*sayyid*) is originally **سَيِّوْدُ** on the measure of **فَيْعِلُ**.

After assimilation it is changed to **سَيِّد**.

Hope this has helped you.

والسلام,

abdur rahim