

Does مَصْدَر have plural?



### Question 1

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Hope you are well.

My question is regarding a مَصْدَر.

- a) From what I have understood, a مَصْدَر does not have a gender, nor can it be used in the dual or plural form. If that is correct, why do some مَصَادِر have plurals?
- b) «نَصِيحَةٌ» is mentioned as one of the مَصَادِر of نَصَحَ, but in dictionaries the plural is mentioned as نُصُحٌ and نَصَائِحُ.

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



Dear Abdul

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a) The مَصْدَر may have the meaning of اسْمُ الْمَفْعُول, e.g., دَرَسَ.

As a مَصْدَر it means *study*. But it also has the meaning of *what is studied* as in «الدَّرْسُ الْأَوَّلُ». In this sense, it has dual and plural.

b) «نَصِيحَةٌ» as an اسْمُ الْمَفْعُول has the meaning of *a piece of advice*.

So it can have plural.

Hope it is clear.

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## Question 2

I learnt on the advanced course: *Selections from the Glorious Qur'ān* by Dr. Abdur Rahim, that *maṣḍars* don't have plurals.

But what about some words like **أَسْئَلَةٌ** which is plural of **سُؤَالٌ** - a *maṣḍar*?

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



Yes, **مَصْدَرٌ** as an abstract idea has no plural.

But when it conveys number, it has plural as in:

«سَجَدَتْ سَجَدَاتٌ»

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