

Q&A







Question

السلام عليكم فضيلة الشيخ

Could you please explain why the رِيحٌ is masculine while رِيحٌ is feminine?

FaDiilat al-Shaykh Dr V. Abdur Rahim حفظه الله replies:

وعليكم السلام

We say:



رِيحٌ عاصِفٌ / رِيحٌ عَصُوفٌ

But ريح عاصِفة can also be used.

But it is better to say عاصِف without the ta'.

The reason for omitting the *ta'*is the fact that this word is mostly used to describe the word ريح, so it is like امراةٌ حاملٌ.

Arabic does not want to waste a *ta' marbutah* to describe a quality which is not shared by men.

Another reason is that the word عاصفة is used as a noun meaning *tempest*, and its plural is عواصِفُ.

Hope it is clear. Salam and regard. abdur rahim

