

اللغة العربية

How to Determine the Gender of the Number



Question

In Madinah book 1, lesson 19, *tamrīn* 2, is the sentence:

فِي هَذَا الْحَيِّ تِسْعَةُ بُيُوتٍ جَدِيدَةٍ

Why is it تِسْعَةُ not تِسْعُ because بُيُوتٍ here is مُؤَنَّثٌ ?

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



Dear Br M. Shaikh

السلام عليكم

The gender of the *‘adad* is determined by the gender of the *ma‘dūd*.

Here we have to take into consideration the singular *ma‘dūd*, (بَيْت) not the plural because, as you know, all plurals are feminine.

So we say:

ثَلَاثَةٌ كُتِبَ وَأَرْبَعُ مَجَلَّاتٍ

because كِتَابٌ is masculine, and مَجَلَّةٌ is feminine.

Hope this has helped you.

والسلام,

abdur rahim