Madinah Book 1 Grammar & Key Patterns Cheat Sheet

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This cheat sheet condenses all 23 lessons of **Madinah Book 1** into quick-reference visual rules and a lesson index. Keep this saved on your phone or printed on your desk as you study or practice reading Arabic texts.

SECTION 1: VISUAL RULE MAP (MADINAH BOOK 1 CORE PATTERNS)

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1. Demonstrative Pronouns Chart (أَسْمَاء الإِشَارَة)

Distance	Gender	Arabic Form	Transliteration	Example Sentence	Meaning
Near (This)	Masculine	هَذَا	Haadha	هَذَا بَيْتٌ	This is a house.
Near (This)	Feminine	هَذِهِ	Haadhihi	هَذِهِ سَيَّارَةٌ	This is a car.
Far (That)	Masculine	ذَلِكَ	Dhaalika	ذَلِكَ نَجْمٌ	That is a star.

Distance	Gender	Arabic Form	Transliteration	Example Sentence	Meaning
Far (That)	Feminine	تِلْكَ	Tilka	تِلْكَ بَقَرَةٌ	That is a cow.

2. The Golden Rule of Non-Human Plurals (جَمْع غَيْر العَاقِل)

🔥 The #1 Rule Every Student Forgets!

- In Arabic, **ALL non-human plural nouns** (books, cars, houses, days) are grammatically treated as a **Feminine Singular (مُفْرَد مُؤَنَّث)** entity!
  - Singular: هَذَا كِتَابٌ (This is a book - Masculine)
  - Plural: هَذِهِ كُتُبٌ (These are books - Treated as Feminine Singular!)
  - Adjective Rule: الكُتُبُ جَدِيدَةٌ (The books are new - Adjective is Feminine Singular!)

3. Definite vs. Indefinite Noun Structure

Type	Prefix / Ending	Arabic Example	Transliteration	Meaning
Indefinite (A / An)	Ends with Tanween (-ٌ)	كِتَابٌ	Kitaabun	A book
Definite (The)	Starts with الـ (No Tanween!)	الكِتَابُ	Al-Kitaabu	The book

**Rule: الـ and Tanween NEVER meet on the same noun!*

4. Possessive Phrase / Idafah Structure (الإِضَافَة)

An *Idafah* links two nouns together to express possession (e.g., "The teacher's book" or "The book of the teacher").

Part	Term	Grammar Rules	Example
1st Noun (Possessed)	**المُضَاف** (Mudaaf)	No **الـ** and NO Tanween! Ends with Fatha/Damma.	**كِتَابُ**
2nd Noun (Owner)	**المُضَاف إِلَيْهِ** (Mudaaf Ilayh)	Always **Majroor** (ends with Kasra / / **-ِ** **-ٍ**).	**المُدَرِّسِ**
Full Phrase	**الإِضَافَة**	"The teacher's book"	**كِتَابُ المُدَرِّسِ**

5. Prepositions & Case Endings (حُرُوف الجَرّ)

When a noun is preceded by a preposition, it becomes **Majroor (مَجْرُور)** and receives a **Kasra (-ِ / -)** on its last letter.

Preposition	Transliteration	Meaning	Example with Noun	English Translation
فِي	Fee	In / Inside	**فِي البَيْتِ**	In the house
عَلَى	'Alaa	On / Upon	**عَلَى المَكْتَبِ**	On the desk

Preposition	Transliteration	Meaning	Example with Noun	English Translation
مِنْ	Min	From	مِنَ المَسْجِدِ	From the mosque
إِلَى	Ilaa	To / Towards	إِلَى المَدْرَسَةِ	To the school

SECTION 2: MADINAH BOOK 1 LESSON-BY-LESSON GRAMMAR INDEX

Lesson	Key Grammar Concept	Core Formula / Pattern	Example Word / Phrase
Lesson 1	Near Demonstrative Pronoun (Masc) & Interrogatives	هَذَا ...؟ / مَا هَذَا؟ / مَنْ هَذَا؟	هَذَا بَيْتٌ. (This is a house.)
Lesson 2	Far Demonstrative Pronoun (Masc)	ذَلِكَ ...	ذَلِكَ نَجْمٌ. (That is a star.)
Lesson 3	Definite Noun (الـ) & Sun/Moon Letters	الـ + اِسْم (بدون تنوين)	القَمَرُ / النَّجْمُ
Lesson 4	Prepositions (حُرُوف الجَرّ) & Detached Pronouns	حَرْف جَرّ + اِسْم مَجْرُور (-)	فِي الغُرْفَةِ / هُوَ / هِيَ

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Lesson 5	Possessive Compound (الإِضَافَة) & Vocative Particle	**مُضَاف + مُضَاف إِلَيْهِ (مَجْرُور)**	**كِتَابُ مُحَمَّدٍ / يَا يَا أُسْتَاذُ**
Lesson 6	Near Demonstrative Pronoun (Fem) & Body Parts Rule	**هَذِهِ ...** (Paired body parts are Fem)	**هَذِهِ عَيْنٌ / هَذِهِ سَيَّارَةٌ**
Lesson 7	Far Demonstrative Pronoun (Fem)	**تِلْكَ ...**	**تِلْكَ نَاقَةٌ.** (That is a she-camel.)
Lesson 8	Badal / Substitute Noun after Ism Ishara	**إِسْم إِشَارَة + الـ + اِسْم**	**هَذَا الرَّجُلُ تَاجِرٌ.** (This man is a merchant.)
Lesson 9	Adjective & Noun Qualifier (النَّعْت وَالمَنْعُوت)	Adjective matches Noun in Gender, Case, Definiteness	**بَيْتٌ جَدِيدٌ / البَيْتُ الجَدِيدُ**
Lesson 10	Attached Pronouns (الضَّمَائِر المُتَّصِلَة)	**اِسْم + (ـي / ـكَ / ـهُ / ـهَا)**	**كِتَابِي / كِتَابُكَ / كِتَابُهُ**
Lesson 11	Prepositions with Attached Pronouns & "In/At" (فِي)	**حَرْف جَرّ + ضَمِير**	**فِيهِ / فِيهَا / بَيْتِي فِي المَدِينَةِ**
Lesson 12	2nd Person Feminine Singular	Addressing female listener	**كَيْفَ حَالُكِ يَا مَرْيَمُ؟**

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	Address (أَنْتِ / ـكِ)		
Lesson 13	Human Plurals (Sound & Broken) + Plural Pronouns	هَؤُلَاءِ + جَمْع عَاقِل	هَؤُلَاءِ طُلَّابٌ / رِجَالٌ
Lesson 14	2nd Person Plural Pronouns (أَنْتُمْ / ـكُمْ)	Masculine plural address	أَيْنَ بَيْتُكُمْ؟ (Where is your house?)
Lesson 15	Feminine Plural Pronouns (أَنْتُنَّ / هُنَّ)	Feminine plural address/absent	أَيْنَ مَدْرَسَتُكُنَّ؟
Lesson 16	Non-Human Plural Rule (Plural Inanimate Nouns)	Plural Non-Human = Feminine Singular	هَذِهِ كُتُبٌ جَدِيدَةٌ.
Lesson 17	Far Demonstrative for Non-Human Plurals	تِلْكَ + جَمْع غَيْر عَاقِل	تِلْكَ المَسَاجِدُ جَمِيلَةٌ.
Lesson 18	Dual Form (المُثَنَّى) & How Much/Many (كَمْ)	كَمْ + اِسْم مَنْصُوب (ـًا) / ـَانِ	كَمْ كِتَابًا عِنْدَكَ؟ / كِتَابَانِ
Lesson 19	Numbers 3 to 10 (Reverse Gender Rule)	Number opposes the noun in gender	ثَلَاثَةُ رِجَالٍ / ثَلَاثُ نِسَاءٍ

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Lesson 20	Numbers 3 to 10 with Feminine Nouns	Masculine numeral used for Fem counted nouns	أَرْبَعُ طَالِبَاتٍ
Lesson 21	Compound Sentence Practice & Multi-clause text	Integrating Noun & Verb sentences	مَدْرَسَتِي قَرِيبَةٌ مِنَ المَسْجِدِ.
Lesson 22	Diptotes / Partial Declension (المَمْنُوع مِنَ الصَّرْف)	Nouns with NO Tanween and Kasra replaced by Fatha	أَحْمَدُ / مَرْيَمُ / مسَاجِدُ
Lesson 23	Diptotes with Prepositions & Colors Pattern	Diptote takes Fatha in Majroor state	مِنْ أَحْمَدَ / أَحْمَرُ - حَمْرَاءُ

SECTION 3: CORE VERB CONJUGATION QUICK-REFERENCE

In Book 1, past tense verbs (الفِعْل المَاضِي) are introduced. Here is the foundational 3rd person pattern:

Person	Arabic Verb	Transliteration	Meaning
He (3rd Masc Sing)	ذَهَبَ	Dhahaba	He went
She (3rd Fem Sing)	ذَهَبَتْ	Dhahabat	She went
They (3rd Masc Plural)	ذَهَبُوا	Dhahaboo	They (m) went
They (3rd Fem Plural)	ذَهَبْنَ	Dhahabna	They (f) went

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