

Lesson-01: هُوَ، هُمْ، أَنْتَ، أَنَا، أَنْتُمْ، نَحْنُ

GRAMMAR:

In this lesson, we will learn 6 words: هُوَ، هُمْ، أَنْتَ، أَنَا، أَنْتُمْ، نَحْنُ. These six words occur **1295 times** in the Qur'an! Learn these words using TPI (Total Physical Interaction), i.e., using all your senses. You hear it, see it, think about it, say it, and show it. Make sure that you don't neglect it and do this practice with full attention and love.

1. When you say هُوَ (He), point the index finger of the right hand towards your right as if that person is sitting on your right. When you say هُمْ (They), point all the four fingers of your right hand towards your right. In a class, both the teacher and the student should practice this together.
2. When you say أَنْتَ (You), point the index finger of your right hand in front as if you are pointing someone sitting in front of you. When you say أَنَا (I), point the index finger of your right hand towards yourself.
3. When you say أَنْتُمْ (All of you), point all the four fingers to the front. when you say نَحْنُ (we) point all the four fingers of your right hand towards yourself.

Guidelines for Practice: For the first 3 times, practice these 6 forms with translation, i.e., just show and say هُوَ he, هُمْ they, أَنْتَ you, أَنْتُمْ you all, أَنَا I, نَحْنُ we. Since you will be showing what you mean by your hand, you don't need to translate each of them after 3 cycles. Just say it in Arabic, i.e., هُوَ، هُمْ، أَنْتَ، أَنَا، أَنْتُمْ، نَحْنُ. This is the immediate benefit of using TPI, among many others.

Continue the above steps without translating these words. Just five minutes of your practice using TPI will make the learning of these six words extremely easy!!!

At this point, don't worry about learning the terminologies (first person, singular, pronoun etc.). Just focus on these six words and their meanings.

Spoken Arabic

هُوَ مُسْلِمٌ	مَنْ هُوَ؟
هُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ	مَنْ هُمْ؟
أَنَا مُسْلِمٌ	مَنْ أَنْتَ؟
نَحْنُ مُسْلِمُونَ	مَنْ أَنْتُمْ؟

He, They...	
He	هُوَ ⁴⁸¹
They	هُمْ ⁴⁴⁴
You	أَنْتَ ⁸¹
I	أَنَا ⁶⁸
you all	أَنْتُمْ ¹³⁵
We	نَحْنُ ⁸⁶

Interestingly, commonly occurring words in Arabic are joined with others. For example: وَ: and; فَ: thus.

Let us take the first two words from the table above. In that case:

هُوَ: and he فَهُوَ: thus he وَهُمْ: and they فَهُمْ: thus they

In a similar way, you can join وَ and فَ with other words too.