

## Grammar Lesson-11d: Dual forms (Pronouns & Past tense)

In this lesson, we will learn Dual forms: they two (they<sup>2</sup>), you two (you<sup>2</sup>).

To make dual forms, Take the words هُمْ and أَنْتُمْ and add *Alif Madd* at the end. You get:

They two                      هُمَا  
You two                        أَنْتُمَا

There is no separate word for “we two” in Arabic. نَحْنُ means we two or we all.

**Let’s take spoken Arabic:**

(Two Muslims)      هُمَا مُسْلِمَانِ.      مَنْ هُمَا؟  
   نَحْنُ مُسْلِمَانِ.      مَنْ أَنْتُمَا؟

Now, take the words رَبُّهُم and رَبُّكُمْ. To make their dual forms, do the same thing: Add *Alif Madd* at the end.

Their Lord (Lord of the two of them)      رَبُّهُمَا  
Your Lord (Lord of you two)                      رَبُّكُمَا

There is no separate dual form for “for two of us”. رَبُّنَا means our Lord (for both of us or for all of us)

**Let’s take spoken Arabic:**      مَنْ رَبُّهُمَا؟      رَبُّهُمَا اللَّهُ.  
   مَنْ رَبُّكُمَا؟      رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ.

**Dual forms for فعل ماضٍ:** You know فَعَلُوا (they did) and فَعَلْتُمْ (you all did). Replace هُوَ with هُمَا and if it is not there, add it:

They two did                      فَعَلَا  
You two did                        فَعَلْتُمَا

There is no separate word for “we two did”. فَعَلْنَا means we two did or we all did.

Now use these words in Spoken Arabic:      هَلْ فَعَلَا خَيْرًا؟      نَعَمْ، فَعَلَا خَيْرًا.  
   هَلْ فَعَلْتُمَا خَيْرًا؟      نَعَمْ، فَعَلْنَا خَيْرًا.

What you learnt in this lesson is presented in this table:

		فعل ماضٍ		
		فَعَلَا	رَبُّهُمَا	هُمَا
		They two did	Their <sup>2</sup> Lord	They two
		فَعَلْتُمَا	رَبُّكُمَا	أَنْتُمَا
		You two did	Your <sup>2</sup> Lord	You two