

Lesson 1b

هُوَ، هُمْ، أَنْتَ، أَنَا، أَنْتُمْ، نَحْنُ

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn **12 new** words, which occur **7,248** times in the Qur'an.

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 it, say it, and show it. Make sure that you 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 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 to 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 (you all), point four fingers of your right hand to the front. When you say نَحْنُ (we) point the four fingers of your right hand towards yourself.

Guidelines for Practice: Make sure to learn two forms at a time to make it easy. For the first 3 times, practice these forms with translation, i.e., just show and say هُوَ he, هُمْ they. 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. This is the immediate benefit of using TPI, among many others.

Continue the above steps without translating these words. After the first pair is learnt thoroughly, go for the next two, and so on. Just a few 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. After learning the six words, you can practice spoken Arabic using the sentences given below. Note that مَنْ means who.

Spoken Arabic

هُوَ مُسْلِمٌ	مَنْ هُوَ؟ ⁸³¹
هُم 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 are joined with others in Arabic. For example: وَ: and; فَ: thus.

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

وَهُوَ: and he; وَهُمْ: and they; فَهُوَ: thus he; فَهُمْ: thus they

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