

Memo 5

The near future is formed by adding the suffix **سَدَّ** to the imperfect verb. The distant future is formed by adding the suffix **سَوَّف** to the imperfect verb.

كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُونَ	Certainly not! They will know [soon]! (78:5)
كَلَّا سَوَّف تَعْلَمُونَ	Certainly not! You will know! (102:4)

When the future is expressed by a time marker or by the context, the particles **سَدَّ** or **سَوَّف** are not necessary.

The difference between the near future and the distant future is subjective or rhetorical. There is therefore no precise boundary between the two; it depends on what one wishes to express. As the Quranic text below states, what may seem distant to some may seem near to others.

Singular and Plural Forms

Feminine plural	Masculine plural	Dual	Singular
الفَلَّاحَات	فَلَّاحُونَ / فَلَاحِيْنَ	فَلَاحَانِ / فَلَاحِيْنِ	فَلَاح

عَشْرَةَ	تِسْعَةَ	ثَمَانِيَةَ	سَبْعَةَ	سِتَّةَ	خَمْسَةَ	أَرْبَعَةَ	ثَلَاثَةَ	اِثْنَانِ	أَحَدَ	صِفْرَ
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
١٠	٩	٨	٧	٦	٥	٤	٣	٢	١	٠

There are a number of **very common patterns** for internal plurals. Here are a few:

Example		Pattern
Plural	Singular	
رِجَال	رَجُلٌ	فِعَال
أَوْلَاد	وَلَدٌ	أَفْعَال
صُدُور	صَدْرٌ	فُعُول
كُتُب	كِتَابٌ	فُعُل
مَسَاجِد	مَسْجِدٌ	مَفَاعِل
أَرَائِك	أَرِيكَةٌ	فَعَائِل

There are **plurals** reserved for **small numbers**, that is, numbers not exceeding ten. The four most common patterns are as follows:

Pattern	أَفْعُل	أَفْعَال	أَفْعَلَة	فِعْلَة
Example	شَهْرٌ جَ أَشْهُرٌ	قَلَمٌ جَ أَقْلَامٌ	طَعَامٌ جَ أَطْعَمَة	صَبِيٌّ جَ صِبْيَة
Translation	Month	Pen	Food	Young child

The collective form is a form that is conjugated in the singular but indicates the species. It is generally used for minerals, plants, and animals whose gender cannot be distinguished.

The collective form has the same form as the singular but without **ة**.

	Stone	Tree	Bee
Collective	حَجَرٌ	شَجَرٌ	نَحْلٌ
Singular	حَجْرَة	شَجْرَة	نَحْلَة