As a Verb اسم فاعل

A verb is a word that describes actions (such as jump, eat), occurrences (such as: became, happen), and states of being (such as: is, likes).

اسم فاعل verbs are actually nouns that act as verbs - usually seen in dialects, where the اسم فاعل (active participle, or - ـا - - pattern) is used as a verb. This is why some people call them pseudo-verbs. They're not technically verbs, and are not used in Modern Standard Arabic in this way. But this pattern is worth knowing because this is how Arabic is being used by people who speak the language!

عايش في مدينة البوكيركي / aesh fe madenat albuquerque literally translates as 'I am a living person in Albuquerque' but is understood as 'I live in Albuquerque.'

These 'pseudo' verbs take gender (ة) as well as plural (ـات or ـين) . They don't conjugate like regular verbs do and are much simpler to use!

Here are some examples:

عايش في مدينة البوكيركي

aesh fe madenat albuquerque

I live in Albuquerque.

أنا ساكنة في ألباكركي.

ana sakna fii albuquerque

<u>I live</u> in Albuquerque.

بس <u>ساكنة</u> دالوقتي في مدينة ألباكركي

bas <u>sakna</u> dilwa'tii fii madiinat Albuquerque
But <u>I live</u> now in the city of Albuquerque

If we want to describe other people, just see if the person identifies as either male or female, and put a ة on the word accordingly. Here are some examples:

هيذر ساكنة في ألباكركي.

Heather sakna fii Albuquerque.

عبدالله ساكن في صنعاء.

Abdullah saakin fii Sana'a.

مريم عايشة في بغداد.

Miriam aesha fii Baghdad.

أمجد عايش في عمان.

Amjad aesh fii Oman.