

اسم فاعل as a verb

Verbs are action words that describe a state of being - running, being, living, dying, anything and everything in-between.

اسم فاعل verbs are actually nouns that act as verbs - usually seen in dialects, where the اسم فاعل (active participle, or - - ل - 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.

أنا شارب قهوة literally translates as 'I am a drinker of coffee' but is understood as 'I am drinking coffee.'

These اسم فاعل verbs take gender (ة) as well as plural (ين or ات) .

Here are some examples from our text:

أمي ساكنة في مدينة عمران

My mom lives in the city of Amran.

أخواتي وأولادي ساكنين في مدينة صنعاء.

My sisters and my kids live in the city of Sana'a.

In another text in this unit, we see this example:

He lives in the city of Sana'a.