

Nouns and Adjectives of Old English and Modern Standard Arabic: A Comparative Study

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Abstract

This paper is intended to discuss nouns and adjectives in two unrelated languages: Old English and Modern Standard Arabic. Although Arabic is Semitic Language, its grammar has a lot of similarities with the grammar of Old English. In the discussion it has been found that nouns and adjectives of both languages have inflectional modifications to indicate gender, case and number. Additionally, there is agreement between nouns, adjectives, verbs and demonstratives in both languages. Furthermore, Modern Standard Arabic is a highly inflected language. It uses a complex system of pronouns and their respective prefixes and suffixes for verbs, nouns, adjectives and possessive conjunctions. In addition, the system known as ?i^ʕrāb places vowel suffixes on each verb, noun, and adjectives, according to its function within a sentence and its relation to surrounding words.

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