



## DESCRIPTIVE PHRASE

### As-Sifah wal-Mausuf الصفة والموصوف

1. A descriptive phrase consists of a noun followed by an adjective.
2. This noun in Arabic is called **موصوف** (*Mausuf*), which means, “that which is being described.”
3. The adjective in Arabic is called **صفة** (*Sifah*), which means, “that which is describing the noun.”
4. In a descriptive phrase, the basic point to be noted is that the adjective will be identical to the noun in:

A) Gender: If the noun is masculine or feminine, the adjective will be identical; *examples:*

A great reward (masculine)	أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ
The good advice (feminine)	الْمَوْعِظَةُ الْحَسَنَةُ

B) Number: If the noun is singular, dual, or plural, the adjective will be identical; *examples:*

An Arabic Qur'an (singular)	قُرْآنٌ عَرَبِيٌّ
Two righteous men (dual)	رَجُلَانِ صَالِحَيْنِ
Clear signs (plural)	آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ

C) Type of noun: If the noun is definite or indefinite, the adjective will be identical; *examples:*

The sacred Mosque (definite)	الْمَسْجِدُ الْحَرَامُ
An open book (indefinite)	كِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ

D) *I'raab*: If the noun ends with   ,   ,   , or   ,   ,   , the adjective will be identical.

*Examples:*

From the cursed Satan (—)	مِنِ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
A painful punishment (—)	عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا
The righteous deed (—)	الْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ

The following are some examples:

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

And you stand by an exalted character. (68:4)

قَالَتْ عَجُوزٌ عَقِيمٌ

She said, "a barren old woman." (51:29)

بَلَدَةٌ طَيِّبَةٌ وَرَبٌّ غَفُورٌ

A territory fair and happy and a Lord oft Forgiving. (34:15)

إِنِّي أُتِيَ الْكُتُبَ كَرِيمًا

Here is delivered to me a letter worthy of respect. (27:29)

وَجَعَلْتُ لَهُ مَا لَمْ مَمْدُودًا

To whom I granted resources in abundance. (74:12)

مِنَ الْمُعْصِرَاتِ مَاءً ثَبَاجًا

From the clouds water in abundance (78:14)

لِتَأْكُلُوا مِنْهُ لَحْمًا طَرِيًّا

That you may eat thereof flesh that is fresh and tender. (16:14)

وَوَظِلٍّ مَّمْدُودٍ

In a shade long extended. (56:30)

فِي كِتَابٍ مَّكْنُونٍ

In a book well guarded. (56:78)

إِلَىٰ مِيقَاتِ يَوْمٍ مَّعْلُومٍ

Appointed for a day well known (56:50)

فِي لَوْحٍ مَّحْفُوظٍ

In a tablet preserved. (85:22)

ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

That is the great salvation. (5:119)

وَالْيَوْمِ الْمَوْعُودِ

By the promised day (85:2)

فَأَرَاهُ الْآيَةَ الْكُبْرَىٰ

Then he showed him the great sign. (79:20)

يَتَّيْنُهَا النَّفْسَ الْمُطْمَئِنَّةَ

Oh you soul in complete rest and satisfaction! (89:27)

فَإِذَا جَاءَتِ الطَّامَّةُ الْكُبْرَىٰ