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**Complex noun phrase in Arabic : Premodification**

For Arabic, there are three premodifiers:

(1)أل التعريف as in كتاب becomes الكتاب

(2) أسماء الإشارة as in كتاب becomes هذا الكتاب

(3) a set of closed group premodifiers like بعض , بضع , نصف , كل , بضعة, as in

بعض المبلغ / كل الرجال / يضع سنين/ نصف المبلغ

 (4)The other type of premodificatiobn in Arabic is seen in the use of the elative form used in the genitive, as in افضل جواب and اجمل النساء . Usually the elative adjective is in the masculine form , and agrees with the head if it is definite as in ليلى فضلى النساء