

## INTRODUCTION

Arabic is a language divided into 3 separate groups: Classical written Arabic, written Modern Standard Arabic and spoken Arabic.

Classical written Arabic is principally defined as the Arabic used in the Qur'an and in the earliest literature from the Arabian Peninsula, but also forms the core of much literature up to date .

Modern Standard Arabic is derived from structures of classical Arabic, and includes contemporary vocabulary as well as words from the many dialects spoken all over the Arabic world.

Spoken Arabic has many variations, and often a dominating influence from local languages



# Parents' Guide to Arabic



Good Morning!

We are delighted to be meeting so many pupils and parents at the gate each morning!

To assist in your understanding of the greetings I have outlined below the translations for you.

## **Greetings:**

Good Morning                      Sabah el kheir

## **Reply:**

And Good Morning to you too      Sabah el noor

I would be grateful if you could encourage your children to greet us in the morning!

For your information I have included some further expressions that you might find useful.



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English Phrases	Pronunciation	Arabic phrases
<b>Arabic Greetings</b>		
Peace upon you ( greeting )	AlSalam alaykom !	
Good Morning!	Sabah el kheir	
Good Evening!	Masaa el kheir	
Welcome! (to greet someone)	Marhaban	
How Are You?	Kaifa haloka/ <b>haloki ( female)</b>	
I'm Fine, Thanks!	Ana bekhair, shokran!	
And You?	Wa anta? / <b>Wa anti? (female)</b>	
Good/ So-So.	Jayed/ 'aadee	
Thank You (Very Much)!	Shokran (jazeelan)	
You're Welcome! (for "thank you")	Al aafu	
Hey! Friend!	Ahlan sadiqi/ <b>sadiqati! (female)</b>	
I Missed You So Much!	Eshtaqto elaika/ <b>elaiki (female)</b> katheeran	
What's New?	Ma aljadeed?	
Nothing Much	Lashai jadeed	
Good Night!	Tosbeho/ <b>tosbeheena (female)</b> aala kheir/	
See You Later!	Araka/ <b>Araki (female)</b> fi ma baad	
Good Bye!	Ma'a salama	

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## Help & Directions

I'm Lost	Adaatu tareeqi!	
Can I Help You?	Hal be'emkani mosa'adatuk?	
Can You Help Me?	Hal be'emkanek mosaadati?	
Where is the (bathroom/ pharmacy)?	Ayna ajedu (al hmmam/ assaidaliah)?	
Go Straight! Then Turn Left/ Right!	imshy ala tool, thumma lef 'yaminan/ shimalan	
I'm Looking For John.	Abhathu aan John	
One Moment Please!	Lahza men fadlek/ <b>fadleki (female)</b>	
Hold On Please! (phone)	ibqa/ <b>ibqay (female)</b> ala al khat raja'an	
How Much Is This?	Kam thamanoh? (th as in bath)	
Excuse Me...! ( to ask for something)	Men <b>fadlek/ fadleki (female)</b>	
Excuse Me! ( to pass by)	Maazerah!	
Come With Me	Taala/ <b>taalay (female)</b> ma'ee!	

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Personal Information		
Do You Speak (English/ Arabic)?	Hal tatakallamu alloghah alenjlezhiah/ alarabiah?	
Just a Little.	Qaleelan!	
What's Your Name?	Ma esmouk? Ma esmouki?	
My Name Is ....	Esmee...	
Mr.../ Mrs.../ Miss...	Assayed.../ Assayeda.../ Al anesah ...	
Nice To Meet You!	Motasharefon/ <b>motasharefatun (f)</b> bema'refatek	
You're Very Kind!	Anta lateef/ <b>Anti lateefa</b>	
Where Are You From?	Men ayna anta/ <b>anti (female)?</b>	
I'm From (the U.S/ Morocco)	Ana men (amreeka/ almaghrib)	
I'm (American)	Ana (amreeki/ <b>amrekiah (female)</b> )	
Where Do You Live?	Ayna taskun?/ <b>Ayna taskuneen? (female)</b>	
I live in (the U.S/ France)	A'eesho fel welayat almotaheda/ faransa	
Did You Like It Here?	Hal istamtaata bewaqtika/ <b>bewaqtiki (f)</b> huna?	
Egypt Is a Wonderful Country	Misr baladun jameel!	

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## Personal Information cont'd

What Do You Do For A Living?	Ma mehnatuk? <b>Mehnatuki (female)</b>	
I Work As A (Translator/ Businessman)	Aamal ka(motarjim/ rajul aamal)	
I Like Arabic	Ohibbu allughah al Arabia	
I've Been Learning Arabic For 1 Month	adrusu allughah al arabia muu shahr	
Oh! That's Good!	Hada shay'un Jameel	
How Old Are You?	Kam umruk? <b>umroki (female)</b>	
I'm (twenty, thirty...) Years Old.	Umri ( 'eshreen/ thalatheen) sanah (th as in bath)	
I Have To Go	Yajebu an athhaba al aan! (th as in that)	
I Will Be Right Back	Sa arje'o halan	

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<b>Wishes</b>		
<b>Good Luck!</b>	<b>Bettawfeeq</b>	
<b>Happy Birthday!</b>	<b>Eid meelad sa'eed!</b>	
<b>Happy New Year!</b>	<b>Sana sa'eedah!</b>	
<b>Merry Christmas!</b>	<b>Eed meelad Majeed</b>	
<b>Happy Eid!</b>	<b>Eid mobarak!</b>	
<b>Happy Ramadan</b>	<b>Ramadan mobarak!</b>	
<b>Congratulations!</b>	<b>Mabrook!</b>	
<b>Enjoy! (For meals...)</b>	<b>Shahia tayebah!</b>	
<b>I'd Like To Visit Morocco One Day</b>	<b>Arghabu bezeyarat al maghrib.</b>	
<b>Say Hi To John For me.</b>	<b>Sallem aala John men ajlee</b>	
<b>Bless you (when sneezing)</b>	<b>Rahimaka Allah</b>	
<b>Good Night &amp; Sweet Dreams!</b>	<b>Laila sa'eda wa ahlaam laziza</b>	

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<b>Misunderstanding</b>		
I'm Sorry! (if you don't hear something)	Aafwan!	
Sorry (for a mistake)	Aasef!	
No Problem!	La moshkelah	
Can You Say It Again?	A'ed men fadlek!/ <b>A'eedi men fadleki (fem)</b>	
Can You Speak Slowly?	Takalam bebot' men fadlek/ <b>fadleki (fem)</b>	
Write It Down Please!	Okto <b>ba</b> men fadlek/ <b>Okto<b>bi</b>ha men fadleki (fem)</b>	
I Don't Understand!	La afham!	
I Don't Know!	La a'ref!	
I Have No Idea.	La adri!	
What's That Called In Arabic?	Ma esmoho bel arabiah?	
What Is This?	Ma <u>h</u> ath <u>a</u> ( <u>th</u> as in <u>th</u> at)	
My Arabic Is Bad.	Lughati al aarabia laisat kama yajib	
I need to practice my Arabic	Ahtaaju an atadarraba 'ala al arabia!	
Don't Worry!	La taqlaq! <b>La taqlaqi (fe)</b>	

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## General Expressions & Words

Good/ Bad/ So-So.	Jayed/ saye'/ 'adee
Big/ Small	Kabeer/ Sagheer
Today/ Now	Alyawm/ Al aan
Tomorrow/ Yesterday	Ghadan/ ams
Yes/ No	Na'am/ Laa
Here You Go! (when giving something)	Khod!
Do You Like It?	Hal a'jabak? <b>Hal a'jabaki? (female)</b>
I Really Like It!	A'jabani haqqan!
I'm Hungry/ Thirsty.	Ana jae'/ ana 'atshaan
In The Morning/ Evening/ At Night.	Sabahan/ masa'an/ laylan
This/ That. Here/There	Hatha/ thalek. Huna/ hunaak (th as in that)
Me/ You. Him/ Her.	Ana/ anta/ <b>anti (you female)</b> . Houwa/ Hiya
Really!	Haqqan!
Look!	Onzor / <b>Onzori (female)</b>
Hurry Up!	Asre'/ <b>Asre'ee (female)</b>
What? Where?	Matha? Ayn? (th as in that)
What Time Is It?	kam essa'a?
It's 10 o'clock. 07:30pm.	Enaha al 'ashera. Ennaha assaabe'a wa nesf.
Give Me This!	A'teni hatheh! (th as in that)

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## General Expressions & Words cont'd

I Love You!	Uhibbok/ <b>uhibboki (female)</b>	
I Feel Sick.	ana mareed.	
I Need A Doctor	ahtaju tabeeban!	
One, Two, Three	wahed, ithnaan, thalatha (th as in think).	
Four, Five, Six	arbaa, khamisa, sitta	
Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten	sabaa, thamania (th as in think), tisaa, aashara.	