

Elementary Arabic – 101

This course requires no previous knowledge of Arabic. In Arabic 101 emphasis is placed on pronunciation, familiarization with the Arabic alphabet, high-frequency vocabulary building, basic grammar, and conversation. Reading and listening materials, conversations and lectures have been selected to reflect life in the broad Middle Eastern region today.

Objectives

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- Produce and understand short, memorized phrases
- Ask questions or make statements with reasonable accuracy using memorized utterances
- Read isolated words and phrases, personal and place names, street signs, office and shop designations
- Write own name, nationality, address, etc., such as on a hotel registration form

Materials

- Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds [With DVD] (Arabic) Paperback – July 1, 2010; Indicative (Amazon.com) price: \$38.10
- Al-Kitaab fii Ta^lallum al^lArabiyya with DVDs, Second Edition: Al-Kitaab fii Ta allum al... by Kristen Brustad, Abbas Al-Tonsi and Mahmoud Al-Batal (Jul 1, 2007); Indicative (Amazon.com) price: \$42.96

Topics

UNIT#	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY
1	The Arabic Alphabet Pronunciation of letters Arabic phonetic system	Spelling one's name Arabic names	Simple words and phrases
2	Greetings/Introductions Basic information exchange (name, origin)	Personal pronouns Verb 'to be' in present Word order in the sentence Simple sentence/question structure	Greetings A few country names Days of the week
3	Exchanging health information Introducing sb. to sb. else Expressions of appreciation	Adjectives Agreement of adjectives and pronouns with nouns Verb 'to do' — Present tense	Numbers 0-10 Months Seasons
4	Exchanging country info 'Where do you live?' Affirmative & negative answers	Gender continued The definite article and declarative sentences Two forms of questions	More countries and cities Some Arabic cities
5	Counting, using numbers	Gender of proper place names Spoken / formal forms Questions	Numbers 11-100 Telling time
6	Address and phone information Occupation information	Prepositions and questions Subject pronouns	Professions (masc., fem.) Numbers 101-1,000
7	Language information Family and personal information	'To have' Non-human plural agreement Questions and Non-human plural agreement	Languages Family situation Basic family tree
8	Exchanging price info 'How do we say... in Arabic?' 'What does... mean?' Expressing liking and disliking Counting, using numbers	Possessive pronouns Questions and possessive pronouns The present tense Negation Adverbs	Currency Numbers 2,000-1 billion Talking about calendar and dates Miscellaneous objects
9	Exchanging information about identity of other people Nationality	Describing people Describing objects Review weeks 1-8	Nationality nouns Adjectives for persons and objects