



**LINGUA
BOOST**

ARABIC
(SYRIAN DIALECT)

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Abbreviations

by m/f: said by male/female
to m/f: said to male/female
about m/f: said about male/female

Pronouncing the Arabic sounds

3 = This sounds like a high-pitched version of the English "a" sound, but squeezed from the back of the throat.

gh = The same position of the throat as above, but the tongue touches the roof of the mouth, like a French "r".

q = Like the English letter k, but produced from much further back the throat and much "darker".

' = This sign means the letter above isn't pronounced, instead it has the sound of a glottal stop.

kh = Like the "ch"-sound in the English word "loch".

ī, ū, ā, ē = long sound.

H = Similar to the English letter "h", but stronger and more from the throat.

S = Similar to the English letter "s", but more emphatic and "darker".

D = similar to the English letter "d", but more emphatic and "darker".

T = similar to the English letter "t", but more emphatic and "darker".



Lesson 1

Hello!

Hello!
marHaba!

مرحبا

How are you? (to m/f)
kīf Hālak? / kīf Hālik?

كيف حالك؟ / كيف حاليك؟

I'm good, thank you. (by m/f)
ana mnīH, shukran. / ana mnīHa, shukran.

أنا منيح, شكرا / أنا منيحة, شكرا

What is your name? (to m/f)
shū ismak? / shū ismik?

شو أسمك؟ / شو أسمك؟

My name is...
ismi...

أسمي

Where are you from? (to m/f)
inta min weyn? / inti min weyn?

أنت من وين؟ / أنتي من وين؟

I am from Sweden.
ana min s-swēd.

أنا من السويد



Lesson 2

Who is this?

Who is this? (about m/f)
mīn hād? / mīn hāy?

مين هاد؟ / مين هاي؟

This is my mother.
hāy émmi.

هاي أمي

This is my brother.
hād akhi.

هاد أخى

This is my sister.
hāy ékhti.

هاي أختي

This is my father.
hād abui.

هاد أبوي

I have a large family.
3andi 3aili kbīre.

عندي عيلة كبيرة



Lesson 3

Where do you live?

Where do you live? (to m/f)
weyn bita3īsh? / weyn bita3īshi?

وين بتعيش؟ / وين بتعيشي؟

I live in Stockholm.
ana ba3īsh bi-stockholm.

أنا بعيش بستوكهولم

I live in an apartment.
ana ba3īsh bi-sha'a.

أنا بعيش بشقة

I live in a house.
ana ba3īsh bi-beyt.

أنا بعيش بيت

Where do your parents live? (to m/f)
weyn by3īshu ahlak? / weyn by3īshu ahlik?

وين بيعيشو أهلك؟ / وين بيعيشو أهليك؟

My parents live in Oslo.
ahli by3īshu bi-oslo.

أهلي بيعيشو بأوسلو



Lesson 4

Where do you live? pt.2

My sister lives in Paris.
ukhti bit3īsh bi-bāris.

أختي بتعيش ببَاريس

My brother lives in Madrid.
ákhi by3īsh bi-madrīd.

أخي بيعيش بمدريد

He has a very nice apartment.
3andū sha'a Helu ktīr.

عندو شقة حلوى كثير

I lived in London for a year.
3shit séne bi-london.

عشت سنة بلندن

I lived in Paris when I was ten years old.
3shit bi-baris laman kān 3umri 3sher snīn.

عشت ببَاريس لمن كان عمري عشر سنين

I have lived here for a long time.
3shit hōn ktīr.

عشت هون كثير



Lesson 5

What do you like to do?

What do you like to do? (to m/f)

shū bitHebb itsāwi? / shū bitHebbi itsāwi?

شو بتحب تساوي؟ / شو بتحبي تساوي؟

I like to walk.

bHebb itmesha.

بحب أتمشى

I like to read books.

bHebb i'ra kitab.

بحب أقرأ كتاب

I like to listen to music.

bHebb itsama3 3al-musī'a.

بحب أسمع عالموسيقى

I like to go swimming.

bHebb arōH isbaH.

بحب أروح أسبح

I like to sleep a lot.

bHebb n-nōm ktīr.

بحب النوم كثير



Lesson 6

What do you like to do? pt.2

I like to practice sport.
bHebb mares r-riyāDa.

بحب مارس الرياضة

Sometimes I watch television.
marrāt ítfarraj 3t-telfizyōn.

مرات أتفرج عالتلفزيون

I sometimes watch television in the evening.
marrāt bi-leīl ítfarraj 3t-telfizyōn.

مرات باليل اتفرج ع التلفزيون

He likes to practice sport a lot.
byHebb ymares ir-riyāDa ktīr.

بيحب يمارس الرياضة كثير

He doesn't like to watch television.
huwwe mā byHebb yitfarraj 3t-telfizyōn.

هو ما بيحب يتفرج عالتلفزيون

He reads a book every week.
huwwe byi'ra kitāb kill ísbū3.

هو بيقرأ كتاب كل أسبوع



Lesson 7

What do you like to eat?

What do you like to eat? (to m/f)

shū bitHebb takul? / shū bitHebbi takli?

شو بتحب تاكل؟ / شو بتحبي تاكلي؟

I like pizza.

bHebb l-bitza.

بحب البيتزا

I never eat meat.

ma bākul laHme abadan.

ما باكل لحمة ابدا

I hate cheese.

bikra ij-jibne.

بكره الجبنة

I don't like coffee.

ma bHebb l-'ahwe.

مابحب القهوة

Do you prefer tea or coffee? (to m/f)

bitfaDDel s-shāy wellá l-'ahwe? / bitfaDDli s-shāy wellá l-'ahwe?

بتفضل الشاي ولا القهوة؟ / بتفضلي الشاي ولا القهوة؟

I prefer black coffee.

bfaDDel l'ahwe s-sāda.

بفضل القهوة السادة



Lesson 8

Do you go out much?

Do you go out much? (to m/f)

btiTla3 la-barra ktīr bil-3ādi? / btiTla3i la-barra ktīr bil-3ādi?

بتطلع لبرا كثير بالعادة؟ / بتطلعي لبرا كثير بالعادة؟

I prefer to stay at home.

bfaDDel Dall bil-beyt.

بفضل ضل بالبيت

I like to spend time with friends.

bHebb 'aDDi wa'et ma3 rif'āti.

بحب قضي وقت مع رفقاتي

I like to spend time with family.

bHebb 'aDDi wa'et ma3 3aīlti.

بحب قضي وقت مع عيلتي

I go to the gym twice a week.

brūH 3an-nādi r-riyāDi marteyn bil usbū3.

بروح عالنادي الرياضي مرتين بالاسبوع

I don't have many friends.

mā 3andi rif'āt ktīr.

ما عندي رفقات كثير

I am very sociable.

ána ktīr ijtima3i.

انا كثير اجتماعي



Lesson 9

What are you doing?

What are you doing?

shū 3am itsāwi?

شو عم تساوي؟

I am reading.

3am i'ra.

عم أقرا

I am listening to music.

3am itsama3 a3l-musī'a.

عم أسمع عالموسيقى

I am watching television.

3am itfarraj 3at-telfizyon.

عم اتفرج عال تلفزيون

I am listening to the news.

3am itsama3 3al-akhbar.

عم أسمع عال اخبار

Nothing special.

mā fī shī muHedad.

ما في شي محدد



Lesson 10

What are you doing? pt.2

I am listening to the radio.
3am ítsama3 3r-radiyo.

عم أتسمع عالراديو

I am in my room listening to music.
ána bi-ghurftī 3am ísma3 mūsi'a.

أنا بغرفتي عم أسمع موسيقى

What is he doing?
shū 3am ysāwi?

شو عم يساوي

He is watching television.
3am yitfarraj 3at-telfizyon.

عم يتفرج عال تلفزيون

He is reading a book.
3am yi'ra kitāb.

عم يقرأ كتاب

He is driving a car.
3am ysū' sayāra.

عم يسوق سيارة



Lesson 11

Are you married?

Are you married? (to m/f)
ínta mitazawej? / ínti mitzawje?

انت متزوج؟ / انتي متزوجة؟

I am married. (by m/f)
ána mitazawej. / ána mitzawje.

انا متزوج / انا متزوجة

When did you get married? (to m/f)
āymata tzawajet? / āymata tzawajti?

ايمت تزوجت؟ / ايمت تزوجتي؟

I have been married for ten years. (by m/f)
Sarli 3asher snīn mitazawej. / Sarli 3asher snīn mitzawje.

صرلي عشر سنين متزوج / صرلي عشر سنين متزوجة

I got married twenty years ago.
ítzawajet min 3ashrīn sine.

تزوجت من عشرين سنة

I am not married. (by m/f)
ána mū mitazawej. / ána mū mitzawje.

انا مو متزوج / انا مو متزوجة

This is my husband.
hād zawji.

هاد زوجي

This is my wife.
hāy marti.

هاي مرتي



Lesson 12

How old are you?

How old are you? (to m/f)
sh'ed 3umrak? / sh'ed 3umrik?

شقد عمرك ؟ / شقد عمريك ؟

I am 40 years old.
ána 3umri arb3īn séne.

أنا عمري أربعين سنة

How old is he?
sh'ed 3umro?

شقد عمرو ؟

He is eighteen.
3umro tmen Ta3sher séne.

عمرو تمن طعشر سنة

She is fifteen.
3umerha khames Ta3sher.

عمرها خمس طعشر

I am very old.
ána kbīr éktīr.

أنا كبير كثير



Lesson 13

Do you have children?

Do you have children? (to m/f)
3andak ūlād? / 3andik ūlād?

عندك ولاد؟ / عنديك ولاد؟

I have a son.
3andi íbn.

عندي ابن

I have a daughter.
3andi binet.

عندي بنت

How many children do you have?
3andak kam walad? / 3andik kam walad?

عندك كم ولد؟ / عنديك كم ولد؟

I have two children.
3andi waladēn.

عندي ولدين

They have two children.
3andhum waladēn.

عندهم ولدين



Lesson 14

Travel and vacation

I like to travel.
bHebb sāfir.

بحب سافر

I want to visit Germany.
beddi zūr almánia.

بدي زور المانيا

I enjoy visiting Italy.
bistémti3 biziaret iTáliya.

بستمع بزيارة ايطاليا

Have you been to England?
réHit 3ala ingeltera min 'abil? / réHti 3ala ingeltera min 'abil?

رحت على انكلترا من قبل؟ / رحتي على انكلترا من قبل؟

I have never been there.
mā réHit la-hunīk walla marra.

مارحت لهونيك ولامرة

I was in France.
kinet bi-faransa.

كنت بفرنسا

I went there on holiday last year.
réHit la-hunīk bil-a3Tle s-sinne il-máDiye.

رحت لهونيك بالعطلة السنة الماضية



Lesson 15

Where is...?

Where is the museum?

weyn l-matHaf?

وين المتحف؟

The museum is on the left.

l-matHaf 3al-yasār.

المتحف عالىسار

Do you know where my keys are? (to m/f)

bta3rif weyn mfātiHi? / bta3rfi weyn mfātiHi?

بتعرف وين مفاتيحي؟ / بتعرفي وين مفاتيحي؟

Your keys are on the table. (to m/f)

mfātiHak 3aT-Tawle. / mfātiHik 3aT-Tawle.

مفاتيحك عالطاولة / مفاتيحك عالطاولة

Have you seen my glasses? (to m/f)

shífet naDharāti? / shífti naDharati?

شفت نضاراتي؟ / شفني نضاراتي؟

Your glasses are on the chair. (to m/f)

naDharātak 3al-kursi. / naDharatik 3al-kursi.

نضاراتك عالكُرسي / نضاراتيك عالكُرسي

Her office is in the centre of town.

maktabha bi-markaz l-madine.

مكتبها بمركز المدينة



Lesson 16

What did you do today?

How was your day? (to m/f)

kīf kār yōmak? / kīf kār yōmik?

كيف كان يومك؟ / كيف كان يوميك؟

It was very good.

kār Hilu ktīr.

كان حلو كثير

What did you do today? (to m/f)

shū a3milt il-yōm? / shū a3miltī il-yōm?

شو عملت اليوم؟ / شو عملتي اليوم؟

I listened to music.

kinét 3am bisma3 musī'a.

كنت عم بسمع موسيقى

Today I went to the cinema.

il-yōm reHit a3s-sinema.

اليوم رحت عالسینما

Today I worked at the office.

il-yōm ishtaghélt bil maktab.

اليوم أشتغلت بالمكتب



Lesson 17

What did you do today? pt.2

I went shopping to buy food.
réHit ítsawa' ila íshtari akel.

رحت أتسوق لأشتري أكل

I went to the shop to buy milk.
réHit 3as-sō' ila íshtari Halīb.

رحت عالسوق لأشتري حليب

I phoned my friend this morning.
ítaSSalit bi-rafi'i S-SubaH.

اتصلت برفيقي الصبح

I went to a cafe for breakfast.
réHit 3l-ahwe minshān ufTar.

رحت ع القهوة منشان أفطر

I have watched television all day.
kinet 3am ítfarraj 3t-telfizyōn kill l-yōm.

كنت عم أتفرج عالتلفزيون كل اليوم

I had to go to the pharmacy today.
kān lāzim rūH 3S-Seidīliye l-yōm.

كان لازم روح عالصديلية اليوم



Lesson 18

What do you do?

What do you do? (to m/f)
shū btíshughel? / shū btíshtughli?

شو بتشتغل؟ / شو بتشتغلي؟

I am a student. (by m/f)
ana Tālib. / ana Tālbe.

أنا طالب / أنا طالبة

I am retired. (by m/f)
ana mutqa3d. / ana mutqa3de.

أنا متقاعد / أنا متقاعدة

I am unemployed. (by m/f)
ana 3āTel 3an l-3mel. / ana 3ātle 3an l-3mel.

أنا عاطل عن العمل / أنا عاطلة عن العمل

I work in a restaurant.
ana bíshtughel bi-maT3m.

أنا بشتغل بمطعم

I am a programmer. (by m/f)
ana mubermij. / ana mubermije.

أنا مبرمج / أنا مبرمجة

She works in a hotel.
hiyye btíshtughel bi-ōtel.

هي بتشتغل بأوتيل



Lesson 19

What's the weather like?

What is the weather like today?

shlōn ij-jau il-yōm?

شلون الجو اليوم؟

It is cold.

bārid.

بارد

Is it raining?

3am tamaTar shī?

عم قاطر شي؟

No, it is not raining.

la, ma 3am tamaTar.

لا ماعم قاطر

Today the weather is bad.

ij-jau il-yōm mo Helu.

الجو اليوم مو حلو

It's been raining for an hour.

Sarlha 3am tamaTar min sā3.

صارلها عم قاطر من ساعة



Lesson 20

How was the weather?

How was the weather yesterday?

kīf kār ij-jaw embāreH?

كيف كان الجو أمبارح؟

It was cloudy yesterday.

kānit ghreym embāreH.

كانت غيم امبارح

The weather was horrible. It rained.

kār ij-jaw fazī3, kānit 3am tamaTar.

كان الجو فظيع , كانت عم قاطر

It rained all day.

kānit 3am tamaTar kill il-yōm.

كانت عم قاطر كل اليوم

It was cloudy and cold.

kānit ghreym wu bārid.

كانت غيم وبرد

Today the weather is nice, but yesterday was horrible.

Il-yōm ij-jaw Helu, bass embāreH kār fazī3.

اليوم جو حلو , بس أمبارح كان فظيع



Lesson 21

Where are you?

Where are you?
weynak? / weynik?
وينك؟ / وينيك؟

I am at the beach.
ana 3sh-shaT.
أنا عالشط

I am at home.
ana bi-l-beyt.
أنا بالبيت

I am at work.
ana bi-sh-shughel.
أنا بالشغل

I am at the post office.
ana bi-maktab l-baryd.
أنا بمكتب البريد

I am going to the post office.
ana rāyeH 3-maktab l-baryd.
أنا رايع عمكتب البريد

I am at the bus stop with my wife.
ana 3nd mawqaf l-bāS ma3 marti.
أنا عند موقف الباص مع مرّتي



Lesson 22

Where were you yesterday?

Where were you yesterday? (to m/f)

weyn kint embāreH? / weyn kinti embāreH?

وين كنت امبارح؟ / وين كنتي أمبارح؟

I went to a party.

reHét 3ala Hafle.

رحت على حفلة

I was at the cinema together with a friend.

kinét bis-sinema ma3 rafi'i.

كنت بالسينما مع رفيقي

I met friends.

shifét rif'āti.

شفت رفقاتي

I met friends in the cafe.

shifét rif'āti bi-l'ahwe.

شفت رفقاتي بالقهوى

I was in the countryside.

kinét berāt il-balad.

كنت برات البلد



Lesson 23

Where were you yesterday? pt.2

I went shopping.
réHit itsauwa'.

رحت أتسوق

I bought a shirt.
shtareyt kanze.

أشريت كنزة

I bought a new car.
shtareyt sayāra jdīde.

أشريت سيارة جديدة

I watched television yesterday afternoon.
tfarrejit 3at-telfizyon embāreH aD-Duhur.

تفرجت عالتلفزيون امبارح الظهر

In the afternoon I watched a film with friends.
aD-Duhur tfarrejit 3ala film ma3 rif'āti.

الظهر تفرجت على فلم مع رفقااتي

I visited my parents.
zirrit ahli.

زرت أهلي



Lesson 24

Can you speak Arabic?

Can you speak Arabic? (to m/f)

bta3rif teHki a3rabi? / bta3rfi teHki a3rabi?

بتعرف تحكي عربي؟ / بتعرفني تحكي عربي؟

I speak Arabic.

ana beHki a3rabi.

أنا بحكي عربي

I know a few words of Arabic.

ba3rif shwayet kalimāt bil-a3rabiye.

بعرف شوية كلمات بالعربية

I only know a few words of Arabic.

ana ba3rif bass shwayet kalimāt bil-a3rabi.

أنا بعرف بس شوية كلمات بالعربي

I don't speak Arabic.

ana mā ba3rif eHki a3rabi .

أنا ما بعرف أحكي عربي

I want to learn Arabic.

biddi ita3lam a3rabi.

بدي أتعلم عربي



Lesson 25

Can you speak Arabic? pt.2

How long have you been learning Arabic? (to m/f)

sh'ed Sarlak tita3lam téHki a3rabi? /

sh'ed Sarlik tita3lami téHki a3rabi?

شقد صرلك تتعلم تحكي عربي؟ / شقد صرليك تتعلمي تحكي عربي؟

I have been learning Arabic for one year.

Sarli séne íta3lam l-a3rabi.

صرلي سنة اتعلم العربي

I know how to read Arabic.

ána ba3rif i'ra a3rabi.

أنا بعرف أقرأ عربي

I know how to read Arabic but not to speak (Arabic).

ána bass ba3rif i'ra a3rabi, bass mā ba3rif éHki.

أنا بس بعرف أقرأ عربي بس مابعرف احكي

How many languages do you speak? (to m/f)

kem lugha bta3rif teHki? / kem lugha bta3rfi teHki?

كم لغة بتعرف تحكي؟ / كم لغة بتعرفي تحكي؟

I speak English, Swedish and Arabic.

ána beHki inklizi, wé sweydi we a3rabi.

انا بحكي إنكليزي و سويدي و وعربي



Lesson 26

How often do you...?

How often do you go to the cinema? (to m/f)

kem marra bitrūH a3s-sinema? /

kem marra bitrūHi a3s-sinema?

كم مرة بتروح عالسینما؟ / كم مرة بتروحي عالسینما؟

I never go to the cinema.

mā birūH 3as-sinema abadan.

ما بروح ع السینما أبدا

I rarely go to the cinema.

'alīl mā birūH 3as-sinema.

قليل ما بروح عالسینما

How often do you go swimming? (to m/f)

kem marra btisbāH? / kem marra btisbāHi?

كم مرة بتسبح؟ / كم مرة بتسبحي؟

I go swimming three times a week.

birūH 3alisbāha tlét marrát kill isbō3.

بروح عالسباحة تلت مرات كل أسبوع

I often go shopping.

bil3adi brūH bitsawa'.

بالعادة بروح بتسوق



Lesson 27

How often do you...? pt.2

How often do you write a letter? (to m/f)

kem marra btíktub risāle? / kem marra btíketbi risāle?

كم مرة بكتوب رسالة؟ / كم مرة بكتبي رسالة؟

I never write letters.

ána abadan mā bíktub rasāyil.

أنا أبدا ما بكتب رسائل

I write to my aunt every month.

ána bíktub rasāyil la-3amti kill shahar.

انا بكتب رسائل لعمتي كل شهر

I often read the newspaper.

ktīr bi'ra jarrāyed.

كثير بقرا جرايد

I read the newspaper everyday.

bi'ra jarrāyed kill l-yōm.

بقرا جرايد كل يوم

I watch too much television.

bítfarraj ktīr 3t-telfizyōn.

بتفرج كثير عالتلفزيون



Lesson 28

How was your week?

How was your week? (to m/f)

kīf kār īsbu3ak? / kīf kār īsbu3ik?

كيف كان اسبوعك؟ / كيف كان اسبوعيك؟

It was good.

kār é-mnīH.

كان منيح

My friends arrived on Monday.

rīfāti wāSlu yōm ét-tneyn.

رفقاتي وصلو يوم الاثنين

I worked in the office.

shtaghēlt bi-maktab.

اشتغلت بالمكتب

My sister visited on Thursday.

ékhti zarritna yōm l-khamīs.

اخوتي زارتنا يوم الخميس

I walked my dog everyday.

mesheyti kelbi kill yōm.

مشيت كلبتي كل يوم

I bought a new phone a few days ago.

shtareyti telefon ījdīd min kem yōm.

اشتريت تلفون جديد من كم يوم



Lesson 29

Opinions

I think so.
ay b3at'd.

اي بعتمد

Maybe.
yimkin.

يمكن

Ok.
tamām.

تمام

Really?
3anjed?

عنجد؟

I don't remember.
ma bitzakkar.

ما بتذكر

Of course.
akīd.

اكيد

Of course not.
akīd la.

اكيد لا



Lesson 30

Time (and day) to talk

We can talk tomorrow if you want. (to m/f)

fīna néHki bukra iza biddak. / fīna néHki bukra iza biddik.

فيينا نحكي بكرة اذا بديك / فيينا نحكي بكرة اذا بديك

What time is good for you? (to m/f)

ayno wa'et munāsib la illak? / ayno wa'et munāsib la illik?

أينو وقت مناسب لالك؟ / اينو وقت مناسب لالليك؟

Ten o'clock suits me.

s-sa3a 3ashra munāsibe la illi.

الساعة عشرة مناسبة لالي

I can't talk tomorrow.

ma b'der éHki bukra.

ما بقدر احكي بكرة

What day is it today?

l-yōm shū?

اليوم شو؟

Today it is Monday.

l-yōm ét-tneyn.

اليوم التنين

Tomorrow is Tuesday.

bukra ét-talāta.

بكرة الثلاثاء

