

Course outline – 20 & 30 weeks

Language: Standard Modern Arabic

Level: 1

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Please note that if a large number of participants will be familiar with the Arabic script more focus will be placed on understanding and developing communicative skills.

Topics and vocabulary	Grammar	Communicative objectives
Greetings Introductions History and influence of the Arabic language Overview of the Alphabet Focus on (groups 1& 2) of the Arabic alphabet ي ن ث ت ب و ز ر ذ د ا	stand alone & joint shapes of letters • Introduction to possessive pronouns (<i>my, his, her</i>) <i>Speaking only</i> • Masculine & Feminine Singular Subject pronouns أنا , أنت , هو , هي • Short & long vowels • Joining letters (groups 1&2) • Start putting words together • Simple sentences • Asking who someone is (he/she)? هي من / هو من	Greeting someone/people Introducing oneself أنا (I am) اسمي (my name is) Addressing someone Asking for and giving one's and others names Recognizing letters in joint and single form Reading & listening recognition of vowels Writing: Joining letters gr. 1&2 Pronunciation (letters of the alphabet)
Focus on (groups 3&4) of the Arabic alphabet م ه خ ح ج ض ص ش س Introducing family members Enquiring about objects (what is this?) Talking about jobs	• stand alone & joint shapes of letters (groups 3 & 4) • Feminine words • Asking what something is? ما هذا • Putting more words together • Introduction to the plural of words • The nominative case	Introducing a third person Asking for and giving personal information Pointing at objects and saying what they are Writing: Joining letters gr. 3&4 + pronunciation Talking about kinship with family members Referring to jobs and one's job/occupation
Focus on (groups 5) of the Arabic alphabet ل ك ق ف Everyday objects	• stand alone & joint shapes of group 5 letters • Singular possessive pronouns • Definite article ال (el) • Adjectives 1 (masc.& fem. singular)	Referring to some everyday objects Joining letters gr. 5 + pronunciation Giving/understanding basic description of objects Referring to property of objects using possessive

Making polite requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definite & indefinite nouns 	pronouns (saying whose it is) Requesting (objects) politely Putting more words together
Focus on final group (6) of the Arabic alphabet غ ع ظ ط Asking more questions A first look at regional dialects	stand alone & joint shapes of group 6 letters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definite article ال (el) +Sun letters • The 'Hamza' ء shape • Yes/No questions & answers • Prepositions of place 1 • The genitive case 	Asking questions requiring a yes/no answer Joining letters gr. 5 + pronunciation Putting more words together Writing longer basic sentences Locating objects/people Asking about location Starting to distinguish between 3 Arabic dialects
Describing towns Basic urban infrastructures and landscape Basic physical description (people/bedroom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stating whether something is there or not • Prepositions of place 2 • Making longer sentences with connecting words <i>and</i> & <i>but</i> و لكن & • Size and strength adjectives • Plural of objects and things • IDâfa construction • Adjectives 2 (position & agreement) 	Describing towns & one's room Describing people's physical appearance (basic) Reading & Listening for description of places Understanding and expressing possession using new structure (IDâfa) Grouping words to express belonging or association
Countries & nationalities	Adjectives 3 'Nisba' structure (ي) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compass directions • 3rd pers. plural subject pronouns ه , هم	Filling in a landing/immigration card Further information introduction of oneself and others Asking someone about their country of origin /nationality Locating positions using compass directions and prepositions of place
Arabic numbers (today & background) Counting things & people (1-2) and (3-10) Introduction to Shopping	Arabic numbers in the Middle East & rest of world ٩٧٦٥٤٣٢١٠ / 0123456789 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dual (2) and plural (3+) Number & counted object agreement • How much? How many? ك / بكم 	Counting, reading and writing numbers 1-10 Counting in single and dual form objects and people Counting objects and people from 3-10 Shopping: asking for price of some fruit and vegetables