

Module 1: Basic Arabic Lexis and Structure



Lesson Summary

The key points from this module are:

Arabic greetings – words or expressions used for Arabic greetings and their meaning:

Marhaba – It is the equivalent of “hello,” it also means welcome. For introduction, you need to ask for a person’s name and refer to them by their gender: male or female.

“**Ma ismuka?**” Means what is your name (for men or masculine gender).

“**Ma ismuki?**” Means what is your name (for women or feminine gender).

Ismi [...] means my name is; for example, if a guy bears John, he will say, “Ismi John”. On the other hand, if a lady bears Mariam, she will say, “Ismi Mariam”.

Tašaraftu bi ma’rifatika/Tašaraftu bi ma’rifatiki – This means, it’s nice to meet you.

Sabaḥu al-chajr – Good morning (morning of goodness)

Masa’u al-chajr – Good evening

Lajla saida – Goodnight

Ana bichajr – I am fine

Wa anta/wa anti? – “and you?”;

Šukran – Thank you.

Ma’a salama – Goodbye.

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To ask for favour, you’ll say, “**Min fadlika**” or “**Min fadliki**” for the masculine and feminine gender respectively.

Šukran žazilan – Thank you very much

La šukra ‘ala wažib – You are welcome (more thanks for your duty).

‘afwan – you are welcome.
me/Sorry.

Asif/Asifa – I am sorry

U’duri/U’durini – Excuse



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