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| Name (English) | Birzeit |
| Name (Fuṣḥā, transcription) | Bīr Zayt |
| Name (Fuṣḥā, Arabic) | بير زيت |
| Name in local variety (in transcription) | bīrzēt |
| Geo location | 31°58‘ N  35°11‘ E |
| Typology (Local) | East (Mashreq)>Levant>Palestine>Central Palestine |
| Typology (General) | rural sedentary dialect |
| General | Birzeit is a small town located in olive groves slightly north of Ramallah. Its inhabitants were originally mostly Arab Christians, with a Muslim minority. Due to internal migration, the majority of the population today is Muslim.  Birzeit is well known for its university, which is considered the most important in the West Bank. It was founded at the beginning of the 20th century officially as a small school for girls from the surrounding villages. During the past decades it has been a focus for Palestinian resistance and has had to endure closures and the arrest and detention of employees and students. |
| Research history | Blau (1960) is a detailed study on the syntax of the dialect spoken in Birzeit. This work is based on the large collection of folktales published in *Volkserzählungen aus Palästina* by Schmidt and Kahle (1918/30), which includes transcribed and translated texts collected in Birzeit.  Seeger’s (2009a, 2009b, 2013) investigations on the dialects spoken in the villages around Ramallah also contains information about the dialect of Birzeit: Seeger (2009a) has text samples with German translations; and Seeger (2013) is a detailed grammatical sketch and survey of the grammatical features characteristic of the region, though it is not explicitly noted where they are used exactly. |
| Dictionaries | Seeger 2017 is very useful for the dialect of Birzeit. |
| Text books |  |
| Audio data | 8 audio recordings from Birzeit are found in SemArch (<http://semarch.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/portal-ssr/>)  **Ramallah 032 Bīr Zēt 1**  **Ramallah 033 Bīr Zēt 2**  **Schmidt / Kahle Nr. 22**  **Schmidt / Kahle Nr. 24**  **Schmidt / Kahle Nr. 33**  **Schmidt / Kahle Nr. 37**  **Schmidt / Kahle Nr. 80**  **Schmidt / Kahle Nr. 81** |
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Schmidt & Kahle Volkserzählungen aus Palästina: gesammelt bei den Bauern von Bir-Zet und in Verbindung mit Dschirius Jusif in Jerusalem