

Eqra Arabic Course : Online

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Overview

Arabic is a macrolanguage that has 30 modern varieties or dialects. Literary Arabic, which is also called Standard Arabic or Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), is used today in formal speech and in writing in the Arab world while Classical Arabic was used in Islamic literature of the 7th to 9th centuries. It is the language of the Qur'ān. Allah, the Almighty and Wise, chose and singled out Arabic from amongst all the languages of the world - past, present and future - to be the vehicle for His final Revelation to the whole of humanity. This fact alone should constitute sufficient reason for Muslims to learn Arabic. This course is suitable for all kinds of learners, regardless of ability. Students will be introduced to Arabic Grammar in a unique way, based on the frequency of vocabulary usage. We will focus completely on nominal grammatical constructions. Lessons are taught using English as the medium of instruction in order to give the student a basic understanding of Arabic grammar from the English grammatical perspective.

The course begins with some background on Arabic alphabets, case endings and an overview of the parts of speech of Arabic language. Next, we learn about Arabic nouns and sentences. Students will learn about a variety of grammatical constructions such as - The Pronoun الضمير, The Possessive Case الإضافة, The Adverb ظرف, The verb قرأ. Finally, we will study the adjective clause (المركب الوصف) and the The Attached Pronouns. During the course, students will learn 200+ new words.

Requirements/Prerequisites

This course is aimed at students who have some prerequisites in the Arabic language - they know how to read Arabic, but are unable to comprehend it; For example, it is assumed that the students are familiar with the Arabic alphabets and reading Arabic sentences (with the vowel signs). Since this course is fully-online, students must have access to digital devices such as smartphones, computers and the internet. Beyond those requirements, the course will be self-contained.

Course Structure

The course consists of the following materials:

Videos. The main material is delivered via videos, which are usually broken into 2-3 chunks. Each lecture lasts for 40-60 minutes. There will be about an hour and a half of video content per week. You may watch the lecture videos at your convenience

Slides. I have made available pdf files of all the lecture slides. You can download and study them at your convenience.

Quizzes. There will be graded short "quiz" questions right after each lecture to help you gauge your understanding. **Note:** Since this is a self-contained course, students are expected to self-supervise their quizzes. Read "Quiz-Instructions" for more details.

Assignment (Optional). Half-way through the course, students are provided with an assignment. The solution for the assignment will also be given separately. **Note:** Since this is a self-contained course, students are expected to self-supervise their assignment and abide by the rules. The assignment file will provide more details.

Final Exam. There is a final exam to help you pull together everything that you have learned.

Book Required. We will be studying from “Madinah Arabic Reader - Book 1”, by Dr. V. Abdur Rahim. Students will be given a soft-copy of the textbook.

Timing and Topics

- Introduction, Demonstrative Pronouns (هذا ذلك) . Prepositions (ما من) (Week 1)
- Sentences in Arabic Language - Nominal and Verbal. Parts of Nominal Sentence, Kinds of Hamza, Sun & Moon Letters (Week 2)
- Introduction to Prepositions (في علي), The Pronoun الضمير, Kinds of Pronouns, First, Second and Third Person, The gender, The kinds of Taa, Masculine and Feminine nouns, The Verb (Week 3)
- The Origin of the verb, Conjugation of verbs, The second Person (ضمائر المخاطب), The First Person (ضمير المتكلم), Names of Countries, The Possessive (Genitive) Case الإضافة (Week 4)
- The Adverb ظرف, The Phrase, The Demonstrative Pronoun (هذه), The Feminine Gender, Preposition Lam (لِ), The difference between تلك - هذه, The Substitute البدل (Week 5)
- Introduction to the Adjective Clause (المركب الوصفي), The Adjective and Noun Qualified (النعوت والمنعوت), The diptote nouns, The relative Pronoun (الأسماء الموصولة), Who (التي - الذي) (Week 6)
- The Attached Pronouns, The attached pronouns in genitive and accusative case, Attached Pronoun + noun/preposition/adverb. (Week 7)
- The Five nouns (الأسماء الخمسة) : أب - أخ only, The Preposition عن - الجارة, Kinds of News (أنواع الخبر) (Week 8)