

P.DOT – Hassaniya Lessons

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Lesson 1: The Alphabet

Hassaniya Alphabet	Pronounced as in
a	Bat
e	Cutter
i	Kit
u	To
aa	Far
ii	Meat
uu	Food
b	Book
t	Take
th	Think/That
j	Jamais (in French)
h	No equivalent
kh	No equivalent
d	Dark
f	Father
dh	No equivalent
r	Rice
z	Zebra
s	Sea
sh	Show
<u>s</u>	No equivalent

d	No equivalent
t	No equivalent
dh	No equivalent
c	No equivalent
gh	No equivalent
v	Veil
q	No equivalent
g	Good
k	Kit
l	Let
m	Many
n	Noon
h	High
w	What
y	Yes

Lesson 2: Vocabulary 1

Aane	I
Nte	You (Singular-Male)
Nti	You (Singular-Female)
Huwe	He
Hiye	She
Nahne	We
Ntuume	You
Huume	They
Mra	A woman
^c Ieyaat	Women
Raajil	A man
Rajjaale	Men
Tivle	A girl
Taavilaat	Girls
Tvel	A boy
^c Iyyel	Boys
Ishiir	A child
Ishaashre	Children
Usra	A family
Um	Mother
Bu	Father
Zewje	Wife

Zewj	Husband
Khit	Sister
Khu	Brother
Is-sbaah	Morning
Il-gaayle	Noon
Id-dahmiis	Afternoon
Leyle	Night
Is-sbuuh	Breakfast
Li-qde	Lunch
Li-^cshe	Dinner

Lesson 3: Greetings

Is-selaamu ^caleykum	Peace be upon you (use at any time of the day)
We ^caleykum is-selaam	And on you, too (reply to the above greeting)
Ish <u>haal</u> <u>is-sbaah</u>	Good morning
Ish <u>haal</u> li-mgiił	Good afternoon
Ish <u>haal</u> li-mbaat	Good evening
Eyaak il-khayr?	Are you in peace?
Il-khayr il-<u>hamdulillaah</u>	Peace only
Ish <u>haalak</u>?	How are you?
Lebas meshaallaah	I am fine
Ish <u>haal usrtak</u>?	How is the family?
Lebas ^cliihum	They are fine
Ish <u>haal ish-shaqle</u>?	How is the work?
Iebaas meshaallaah	It is fine
Ish <u>haalak m^ca il-vetre</u>?	How are you with tiredness?
Lebas meshaallaah	I am fine
Ish <u>haal Mary</u>?	How is Mary?
Mary lebas ^cliihe	Mary is fine
Ish <u>haal ishaashrtak</u>?	How are your children?
Lebas ^cliihum	They are fine
Mer<u>hbe!</u>	Welcome!
Shukran!	Thank you!

Lesson 4: Numbers – Counting 1 to 20

Waahid	One
Ethneyn	Two
Ethlaathe	Three
Arb^ca	Four
Khamse	Five
Sitte	Six
Seb^ca	Seven
Ethmaanye	Eight
Tis^ca	Nine
^cashra	Ten
Ethda^csh	Eleven
Athna^csh	Twelve
Ethlitta^csh	Thirteen
Arba^cta^csh	Fourteen
Akhmista^csh	Fifteen
Sitta^csh	Sixteen
Esba^cta^csh	Seventeen
Ethminta^csh	Eighteen
Etsa^cta^csh	Nineteen
^cishriin	Twenty

Lesson 5: Vocabulary 2 (Common Objects)

<u>Taab</u>	A table
<u>mig^cayde</u>	A chair
<u>Baab</u>	A door
<u>Kuwe</u>	A window
<u>Qlem</u>	A pen
<u>Qlem rasaas</u>	A pencil
<u>Karne</u>	A notebook
<u>Ktaab</u>	A book
<u>Sak</u>	A bag
<u>Tabshuur</u>	Chalk
<u>Sebbuura</u>	Chalk board
<u>Plaat</u>	A plate
<u>Kiddu</u>	A spoon
<u>Muus</u>	A knife
<u>Balaaye</u>	A broom
<u>Metke</u>	A bed
<u>Mbedju</u>	A blanket
<u>Dra</u>	A bed sheet
<u>Hsayra</u>	A mat
<u>Lbaas</u>	Clothes
<u>Tirki</u>	A shirt
<u>Sirwaal</u>	Pants

N^caayil	Shoes
Raale	Bike
Bassaraat	Eye glasses
Il-me	Water
Etaay	Tea
Kaave	Coffee
Il-lben	Milk
Is-sekker	Sugar
Il-milh	Salt
Maaru	Rice
Il-huut	Fish
Il-lham	Meat

Lesson 6: Vocabulary 3 (Names of Places)

Il-medrase	School
Il-vasl	Classroom
Id-duush	Toilet
Il-kuziin	Kitchen
Il-mbaar	Hangar (Straw roof that you sit under)
Id-daar	House
Il-beyt	Room
Il-khayme	Tent
It-tabb	Dispensary
Il-marsa	Market
Il-butiig	Shop
Il-mekteb	Office
Il-bhar	River
Il-haasi	A well
Il-mekiine	Pump
Il-hadhiqa	Garden
Il-hriithe	Field
Bell ish-shaqle	Working place
Il-msiid	Mosque
Il-benk	Bank
Waqvet il-biis	Bus station
Il-mataar	Airport

Lesson 7: Days of the Week and Some Expressions of Time

Lethneyn	Monday
Ith-thlaathe	Tuesday
Lerb ^ca	Wednesday
Likhmiis	Thursday
Il-jumu^ca	Friday
Is-sibt	Saturday
Il-had	Sunday
Kill yuum	Every day
Kill <u>sbaah</u>	Every morning
Kill <u>dahmiis</u>	Every afternoon
Kill leyle	Every night
Kill ethneyn	Every Monday
Kill jumu^ca	Every Friday
yuum	Day
Sbuu^c	Week
Shhar	Month
Sene	Year
Kill sbuu^c	Every week
Kill shhar	Every month
Kill sene	Every year

Lesson 8: Introducing Self/Someone

Aane esmi Sidi	My name is Sidi
Aane wul Brahim	My last name is Brahim
Nte esmak?	What's your name?
Nte wul aash?	What's your last name?
Aane min Muuritaan	I am from Mauritania
Zewjti min Muuritaan	My wife is from Mauritania
Nte min mneyn?	Where are you from?
Zewjtak min mneyn?	Where is your wife from?
Hiye min mneyn?	Where is she from?
Huwe min mneyn?	Where is he from?
Huwe esmu John	His name is John
Huwe wul Hogan	His last name is Hogan
John maahu min Muuritaan. Huwe min Amriik	John is not from Mauritania. He is from America
Nte min Amriik?	Are you from America?
Ebday, aane maani min Amriik	No, I am not from America.
Nte min Muuritaan?	Are you from Mauritania?
Eheyh, aane min Muuritaan.	Yes, I am from Mauritania.
Aane garraay	I am a teacher
Zewjti maahi garraaye	My wife is not a teacher
John mutetawi^c	John is a volunteer
Zewjtu maahi mutetawi^ca	His wife is not a volunteer
Zewjet John dektuura	John's wife is a doctor

Lesson 9: Leave-taking Expressions

Ma^ca is-selaam	Good-bye!
Ile il-liqaa	See you!
yuum sa^ciid	Have a good day
Lyle sa^ciide	Have a good night
Mbaatu bikhayr	May we have a good night
Ma^ca is-selaam	Stay in peace
Emiin!	Amen!
Ile m^ca <u>is-sbaah</u>	See you in the morning
Ile id-dahmiis	See you in the afternoon
Ile il-gaayle	See you around noon
Ile ewl il-leyl	See you in the evening
Ile <u>is-subh</u>	See you tomorrow
Ile il-liqaa	See you soon
Ile il-liqaa	See you later

Lesson 10: Some Useful Expressions & Phrases

Aane vетraan	I am tired
Aane na ^c saan	I am sleepy
Aane ji ^c aan	I am hungry
Aane maani ji ^c aan	I am not hungry
Aane ^c atshaan	I am thirsty
Aane maani ^c atshaan	I am not thirsty
Haadhe <u>haami</u>	It's hot
Haadhe maahu <u>haami</u>	It's not hot
Haadhe baarid	It's cold
Haadhe maahu baarid	It's not cold
Esmah <u>li</u>	Excuse me
Musaameh	You are excused
Nte ish gaayes?	Where are you going?
Aane gaayes id-daar	I am going home
Aane gaayes il-medrase	I am going to school
John gaayes il-marsa	John is going to the market
Huwe gaayes il-butiig	He is going to the shop
Aane maani gaayes il-mekteb	I'm not going to the office
Nte titkellem il-hassaaniye?	Do you speak Hassaniya?
Eheyh, aane nitkellem il-hassaaniye shwey	Yes, I speak Hassaniya a little bit
John maa yitkellem il-hassaaniye	John doesn't speak Hassaniya
Aane maa nibqi il-varensiye	I don't like French

Aane maa nibqi kaave	I don't like coffee
Jennifer tibqi il-hassaaniye	Jennifer likes Hassaniya
Aane negra	I study
Aane newkel	I eat
Aane nishtqal	I work
Hiye maa tegra	He doesn't study
Hiye maa tewkel	She doesn't eat
Hiye maa tishtqal	She doesn't work
Aane laahi nirgid shwey	I am having some sleep
Aane maa nishtqal dhark	I don't work now
Aane ndewr nistraḥ	I want to rest