My personal Gulf Arabic phrasebook

Sections 1-7 from https://storylearning.com/learn/arabic/arabic-tips/gulf-arabic-phrases

Sections 8-9 from my exchange with ChatGPT

1 Greetings In Gulf Arabic

- Hello (Peace be upon you) Assalaamu 'alaykum – عليكم السلام
- Hello (and also with you) (response) Wa 'alaykum assalaam السلام عليكم و
- 3. Hello MarHaba مرحبا
- .4 Hello (response to "hello") مرحبتین – MarHabtein
- 5. Hello/Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan – سهلا و أهلا
- هلا يا Hi! Ya hala 6.
- هلا Hala 7.
- .8 Hello! Ahlan beek/beech اهلا
- 9. Greetings/God bless you (may God give you life) Hayyak Allah-الله حياك
- 10. Greetings (may God bless you) (response) – Allah yaHayyeek – پحییك الله
- 11. Hello? (on the phone) Alo? الو
- Good morning SabaH alkhayr –
 الخير صباح
- 13. Good morning (response) SabaH al-noor – النور صباح
- Good evening Masa' alkhayr –
 الخير مساء
- 15. Good evening (response) Masa' al-noor – النور مساء

2 Meeting People

- 1. How are you? (in Kuwait and Qatar) Shlonek?(masculine)/ Ishlonik?(feminine) شلونك؟
- .2 How are you? shlonkum? شلونكم؟

Other phrases:

- How are you? (in UAE) Ish-Halek?/ IshHalik? – اشحالك؟
- .2 How are you? Keyf

- حالك؟ كيف ?Halek?/Keyf Halik
- .3 How are you? (in Saudi Arabia) – Wishlonak?/ Wishlonek? – وشلونك؟
- .4 How are you? (What's new?) Shoo khbarak?/ Shoo khbarek? – خبارك؟ شو
- .5 Are things going well? Umoor 4 tayyiba? طيبة؟ أمور

To respond to someone:

- 1. Thanks be to God (all is well) Alhamdulillah الله الحمد
- 2. Fine, thanks be to God Bikhayr, alhamdulillah لله الحمد بخير
- 3. Fine, thanks be to God Zayn, alhamdulillah لله الحمد زين

The last of these three (Zayn, al-hamdulillah / لله) is the most 'Gulf'-sounding of the three.

Being Polite In Gulf Arabic

- 1. Thank you Shookran شكرا
- مشكور/ة Thanks Mashkoor/a مشكور
- .3 Thanks (plural) Mashkooreen مشكورين
- 4. Thanks to you Shukran lak/lek– لك شكرا
- Thanks (Health to you) Tislam/Tislami – تسلم/ي
- .6 Thanks (Health to your hands) Tislam/i Eedak/ek – ايدك تسلم
- .7 Thank you (May God bless you) - Ya'aTeek al'Aafi – العافي يعطيك
- 8. Thank you very much Shukran jazeelan جزيلا شكرا
- 9. You're welcome 'afwan عفوا
- 10. You're welcome (Forgiveness) 5 Ela'afoo – العفو

Other phrases to be respectful:

- Excuse me Low samaht/samahti
 سمحت/ي لو
- .2 Excuse me IsmaH lee اسمح لی

- Please Min FaDlak/FaDlech –
 فضلك من
- 4. I'm sorry Aasif/aasifa اسف
- 5. Please (come in/go ahead) TafaDal/i – تفضل/ی

4 Everyday Phrases

- .1 How do I go to _? Shloon arooH ____? أروح شلون – ?___
- 2. Do you speak English? Tatakallam inglizi? – تتكلم/ي انغليزي؟
- ... أبي Abee __. أبي أبي ...
- 4. I don't want ___. Ma abee __. أبى ما __.
- I don't understand Arabic. Ma afham 'arabi. – عربي أفهم ما
- I know a little bit of Arabic. A'aref 'arabi shway. – عربة أعرف شوي
- 7. Can you say that again? Mumkin ta'id marra thaniya? – ثانية؟ مرّة تعد ممكن
- .8 I'm ready to order. Ana jahiz/a aTlab. – أطلب. جاهز/ة أنا
- .9 Can I have the bill please? El-Hisab low samaHt. – لو الحساب سمحت
- 10. Where is___? Wayn___? -وين
- 11. How much does this cost? Kam thaman hada? هادا؟ ثمن كم
- .12 What's the time? Al-sa'aa kam? كم؟ الساعة

One-word phrases

- ای 1 Yes Eeh
- .2 No La צו
- .3 Yes, of course Eeh, bala يا بلر
- 4. Sure Akeed أكيد

- طبعا Of course Taba'an
- 6. Exactly/precisely BaDhabt بضبط
- 7. God willing (hopefully) Inshallah – الله شاء ان
- 8. Let's go Yallah يالا

6 Introductions

- What's your name? Eesh ismak/ismek? – اسمك؟ ايش
- اسمى___ _ My name is _ Ismi _ __
- .3 Where are you from? Min weyn ent/enti? – انت/ي؟ وين من
- من أنا ._ Ana min _. 4 I'm from _. Ana min
- Where do you work? Wayn tashtaghli? – تشتغل/ي؟ وين
- ._ في أشتغل .__ 6 I work at
- 7. Where do you live? Wayn sakin/e? ساکن/ة؟ وین
- .8 I live in _ Sakin/Sakna fi __. في___. ساكن/ة
- .9 Nice to meet you Tasharrafna تشرفنا
- Nice to meet you too (the honor is mine) – Sharaf lana – النا شرف

7 Phrases To Say Goodbye

- 1. Goodbye Ma'asalaameh مع
- 2. Bye Yalla bay باي يلا
- .3 God be with you Allah Ma'ak معك الله
- See you (Hope to see you when it's good) – Nshoofak 'ala khayr – خیر علی نشوفك خیر علی نشوفك

8 Restaurant exchange

- اليوم؟ أساعدك أقدر كيف وسهلاً! أهلاً W (Ahlan wa sahlan! Kayfa aqdiru asāʻiduka al-yawm?) (Welcome! How can I help you today?)
- C الآن. آکل أن أريد (Urid an ākul al-ān.) (I want to eat 9.1 now.)
- W تناوله؟ تودّ الذي ما طبعاً، (Tabʻan, mā alladhī tawaddu tanāwulahu?) (Of course, what would you like to eat?)

- أن يمكنك هل والمنسف. التبولة أحب C آخر؟ بشيء توصي (Uhibb al-tabbouleh wa almansaf. Hal yumkinuka an tuwassi bishay' ākhar?) (I love tabbouleh and mansaf. Can you recommend something else?)
- او اللبنانية المشاوي بتجربة أنصحك بالتأكيد! W .
 الحمص.
 (Bittakīd! Anṣaḥuka bitajribati al-mashāwī al-lubnāniyyah aw al-ḥummuṣ.) (Certainly! I recommend trying Lebanese grilled dishes or hummus.)
- أطلب أن يمكنني ماذا جداً. جيد هذا C للحلوى؟ للحلوى؟ (Hadha jayid jiddan. Mādhā yumkinuni an aṭlub lil-ḥalwā?) (This is very good. What can I order for dessert?)
- W تبدأ؟ أن تود تبدأ؟ أن تود (Ladaynā al-kunāfah, al-baqlawā, wa aṣābi' Zaynab. Bimādhā tawaddu an tabda'?) (We have kunafa, baklava, and Zainab's fingers. What would you like to start with?)
- C الكنافة. أريد (Urid al-kunafah.) (I want the kunafa.)
- W حالاً. لك سأحضرها ممتاز! اختيار (Ikhtiyār mumtāz! Sa'uḥaḍdiruhā laka ḥālan.) (Excellent choice! I'll bring it to you right away.)
- C العربية. القهوة أُريد أيضاً شُكراً. (Shukran. Aidan urid al-qahwa al-'arabiyyah.) (Thank you. Also, I want the Arabic coffee.)
- M الكنافة. الكنافة. (Bittakīd! Sa'uḥaḍdiru laka alqahwa al-'arabiyyah ma'a alkunāfah.) (Certainly! I'll bring you the Arabic coffee with the kunafa.)

9 Popular dishes

9.1 Appetizers and Salads

- (Tabbouleh) تبولة .1
- (Hummus) حمص 2.
- 3. غنوج بابا (Baba Ghanouj)
- 4. عنب ورق (Waraq Enab) Stuffed

- grape leaves
- (Falafel) فلافل .5

9.2 Main Dishes

- 1. کبسة (Kabsa) A spiced rice dish
- منسف (Mansaf) Jordan's dish with lamb
- مقلوبة (Maqluba) A "flipped" rice dish with layers
- مشاوي (Mashawi) Grilled meat, including shish tawook
- 5. الفتة (Fatteh) A layered dish of bread, rice, and meat
- 6. کوشاري (Koshari) Egypt's dish of rice, lentils, pasta

9.3 Desserts

- (Kunafa) كنافة 1.
- 2. Baklava) بقلاوة
- زينب أصابع (Asabi' Zainab) Fried dough fingers
- 4. مهلبية (Mahalabia) pudding with rosewater
- 5. القاضي لقمة / عوامة / Luqmat al-Qadi) Sweet dumplings

9.4 Beverages

- 1. عربية قهوة (Qahwa Arabiyya)
- بالنعناع شاي .2 (Shay bil-Na'na') Mint tea

10 Days of the Week

- 1. Today alyawm اليوم
- باچر Tomorrow bacher .2
- امس Yesterday ams
- الأحد Sunday al-aHad .4
- 5. Monday al-ithnayn الاثنين
- 6. Tuesday ath-thulaatha' الثلاثاء
- 7. Wednesday al-arba'a' الأربعاء
- .. الخميس – 8. Thursday – al-khamees
- 9. Friday al-jum'a الجمعة
- 10. Saturday as-sabt السبت
- 11. my presentation is tomorrow: عَرْضي (ArDi ghadan) or غَرْضي (ArDi bacher)

11 Airport

11.1 General Phrases

- مطار 1. Airport matar
- رحلة Flight riHla 2.
- سفر جواز Passport jawaz safar .3
- 4. Ticket tathkara تذكرة
- باب Gate baab باب
- .6 Terminal maHall rukuub محل رکوب
- 7. Baggage Haqa'ib حقائب
- Carry-on luggage Haqeeba yadawiya – يدوية حقيبة
- 9. Check-in tasjeel تسجيل
- 10. Customs jamarik جمارك
- 11. Immigration jawazaat جوازات

11.2 Questions

- .1 Where is the airport? Wain almatar? – المطار؟ وين
- .2 Where is the check-in counter? Wain kaawnter at-tasjeel? – وين التسجيل؟ كاونتر
- .3 Where is the gate? Wain albaab? – الباب؟ وين
- .4 Where is baggage claim? Wain maHall al-Haqa'ib? – محل وين الحقائب؟
- .5 When does the flight leave? متى – Mataa tughadir ar-riHla? – الرحلة؟ تغادر
- .6 What is the gate number? Shu raqam al-baab? – الباب؟ رقم شو

12 Emergencies

Help! – Saʻadni! – اساعدني I lost my luggage – Dayyaʻt Haqa'ibee – ضيعت حقائبي

13 Travel-Related Phrases

13.1 Taxi

- تاكسي 1. Taxi Taxi
- .2 I need a taxi Ahtaaj taxi أحتاج تاكسي
- Where can I find a taxi? Wain agdar alga taxi? ألقى أقدر وين
 تاكسي؟
- .4 How much does it cost to go to...? – Kam yikallif arrooHa ila...? – الروحة يكلّف كم
- .5 Please take me to... Min faDlak khuthni ila... – خذني فضلك من الى...
- .6 Can you wait for me here? تقدر – ?Tigdar tintiThirni hnee هنا؟ تنتظرني
- .7 I am in a hurry Ana (musta'jil) مستعجل أنا
- Please drive slower Min faDlak, soot akhaff – أخفّ سوق فضلك، من
- 9 How long will it take to get there? – Kam yistaʻriq alwaqt hataa wOsil? – الوقت يستغرق كم أوصل؟ حتى

13.2 Directions

- .1 Go straight Saeed 3ala Tool طول علی سیّد
- 2. Turn right Liff yameen يمين لف
- يسار لف Turn left Liff yasaar .3
- هنا وقف Stop here Waqif hnee
- .5 Can you drop me off here? Tigdar tanazzilni hnee? – تنزّلني تقدر هنا؟

13.3 Destinations

- .1 Take me to the airport Khuthni ila al-matar – المطار إلى خذني
- Take me to the hotel Khuthni ila al-funduq – الفندق إلى خذني
- 3. Take me to the city center Khuthni ila markaz al-madina المدينة مركز إلى خذني
- Take me to the mall Khuthni ila al-mool – المول إلى خذني
- 5. Take me to the hospital Khuthni ila al-mustashfa – إلى خذني المستشفى

13.4 Problems and Questions

- This is not the right way Hatha moo al-Tareeq al-saHeeH – هذا الصحيح الطريق مو
- Can you give me a receipt? Tigdar ta'Teeni iSaala? – تعطيني تقدر
 ابصال؟
- .3 This is too expensive Hatha ghaali jiddaan – جداً غالي هذا