

Little Language Book



Introduction

Very often it is the first impression that we get when we meet people which sets the tone for the rest of the conversation. Trying to communicate in another person's language can demonstrate willingness to help and a commitment to building a relationship with someone.

This is a very brief guide to help with some basic phrases for you to try out.

We hope that you find this language guide useful.

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Arabic phrases

Click on the English phrases to see them in many other languages.

Key to abbreviations: m = said by men, f = said by women, >m = said to men, >f = said to women.



English	العربية	Arabic
Hello	السلام عليكم	(as-salām 'alaykum)
How are you?	كيف حالك؟	(f. kayfa ḥālik / m. kayfa ḥālak)
What's your name?	ما اسمك؟	(mā ismak/ik?)
My name is اسمي	(... ismee)
Pleased to meet you	متشرف بمعرفتك متشرفة بمعرفتك	m (motasharefon bema'refatek) f (motasharefatun bema'refatek)
Good morning	صباح الخير	(ṣabāḥul khayr)
Good afternoon/evening	مساء الخير	(masā' al-khayr)
Goodbye	إلى اللقاء مع السلامة	(ilā al-liqā') (ma'a as-salāmah)
Do you understand?	هل تفهم؟	(Hal anta fahimtu)
I understand	أنا أفهم	(ana afham)
I don't understand	لا أفهم	(lā afham)
Excuse me	من فضلك! المعذرة!	to attract attention - (min faḍlak/ik) to ask someone to move (al-ma'dirah)
Sorry	أسف	(āsif!)
Thank you	شكرا جزيل	(shukran jazīlan)
Reply (You're welcome)	ألعفو	(al'afw)
Where's the toilet?	أين الحمام؟	(ayn al-ḥammām?)
Leave me alone!	اتركيني اتركني	f - (idrukkini) m - (idrukni)