

Hello and Welcome!

Yes, anyone can speak... practically every language! We'll try to make it as easy and enjoyable as possible for you.

Our goal is modest ... to give you a chance to become familiar with basic words and common sentences, so that you can already understand what people want from you and even chat a bit, or at least say the right thing at the right time. That's something, isn't it!

You'll do most of it yourself by listening to the language, reading the text and of course repeating what you hear. That's why every word and every sentence is repeated twice... to give you a chance to read... to absorb... and to speak! And by the way, if it doesn't work for you the first time, it will work the second time or maybe the third. Practice as often as you want! The most important thing is never to be afraid to talk. Ok, so others will guess it's not your native language... so what? Language brings people together, and people always appreciate it when you try to speak their language, even if you make mistakes.

We're learning to speak and to express ourselves, because it's important to tell the person we're talking to what we mean and what we want. The English translations of the sentences I read are not always a literal translation of the words, but they are certainly sufficient to get the message across.

We have also tried to be politically correct when it comes to masculine and feminine forms, though sometimes giving all the possibilities in every sentence makes learning more burdensome. In any case, the language is meant both for males and for females, and if here and there only the masculine form is used, it's just to make learning and reading easier.

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OK. Let's start our journey together by learning the word "yes."..



1. Things you need to know

أمور عليك معرفتها

1.

Yes, it's great to begin with a word of agreement:

Yes

نعم

Na'am

أيوا

Aiwa

2.

After saying "yes", sometimes there's no choice but to say "no"... From the tone you can tell that no means **No!**

لا

La

3.

Now that we've mastered "yes" and "no", it's time to ask for something, and say **Please**

لطفاً

Loufan

لو سمحت

Law

Samaht

4.

If we get what we asked for, we probably want to say thanks: you can just say **Thank You**

شكراً

Shoukran

5.

And you can also add emphasis by saying **Thanks a Lot**

شكراً جزيلاً

Shoukran Jazeelan

6.

Usually you'll get a standard response, such as "my pleasure", "no problem", or a modest response like:

(m) أهلاً بك

(f) أهلاً بك

Ahlan Bika (m)**Ahlan Biki (f)**

7.

Now we already know how to put words together and say: **Yes, please**

نعم، لطفاً

Na'am, Loutfan

8.

Or: **No, thank you**

لا شكراً

La Shoukran

9.

“Excuse me” is an interesting phrase. When we want to be polite, get someone’s attention, make a comment, ask for something, the correct phrase is “excuse me”. For example, “Excuse me please, you’re stepping on my foot!” – **Excuse me**

عذراً

Ozran

إسمح لي

إسمحي لي

Ismah li**Ismahi li**

10.

There is also a way to ask for forgiveness – “Ooh, I beg your pardon, I didn’t mean it!” If we accidentally hurt someone, we can say **I beg your pardon**

عفواً

Afwan

11.

When we want to express true sorrow or to apologize, the appropriate phrase is: **Sorry**

أعتذر

A'atazir

12.

And when everything is fine, you can say: **It's okay**

حسناً

Hasanan

13.

Moving on to some “dating phrases”. The first word you’ll probably say at the beginning of the date is:

مرحبا

Marhaba

السلام عليكم

a-salamu alaykum

14.

And when you part ways? It's always nice to say, I had a great time, hope to see you soon, **Goodbye**

مع السلامة

Ma' Assalama

15.

Sometimes you do want to see that person again, and sometimes you say "see you" just to be polite...

in either case, we say: **See you**

إلى اللقاء

Ila al-Liqa'

16.

I wonder why almost every language has a special greeting for mornings. When you meet someone in the morning, you say: **Good morning!**

صباح الخير

Sabah el-kheir

17.

And there is also a special greeting for the afternoon: **Good afternoon!**

مساء الخير

Masa' el-Kheir

In Arabic, the greeting for afternoon and evening is the same.

18.

When you meet someone in the evening, you say: **Good evening!**

مساء الخير

Masa' el-kheir

In Arabic, the greeting for afternoon and evening is the same.

19.

And at night, when you are ready to go to sleep, you guessed right! – we say **Good night!**

تصبح على خير (m)

Tosbih ala kheir

تصبحين على خير (f)

Tosbiheen ala kheir

20.

After a good night's sleep, we're ready to start the new day. Or maybe we want to welcome a guest, or maybe someone is happy to meet us and says: "Good to see you... **Welcome!**"

(m) أهلاً بك

(f) أهلاً بك

Ahlan Bika (m)

Ahlan Biki (f)

21.

When people meet each other, they usually exchange "small talk". They aren't always interested in a specific answer, but they show interest: **What's new?**

ما الجديد؟

ma al-jadid

شو الاخبار؟

Shou I-akhbar?

22.

How are you today?

كيف حالك اليوم؟ (m)

Kayfa halak al-yawm? (m)

كيف حالك اليوم؟ (f)

Kayfa halek al-yawm? (m)

كيفك؟

Kifak? (m)

Kifek? (f)

23.

Some people simply ask, **How are you doing today?**

كيف حالك اليوم؟ (m)

Kayfa halak al-yawm? (m)

كيف حالك اليوم؟ (f)

Kayfa halek al-yawm? (m)

24.

Most people expect a polite answer and not a list of complaints... You can simply say: **Fine, thanks**

بخير شكراً

Bi khayr, shoukran

25.

Everything's fine with me. What about you?

كل شيء على ما يرام. وأنت؟

'Kollo shay' ala ma youram. Wa ant?

كل شيء على ما يرام. وأنت؟ (f)

Kollo shay' ala ma youram. Wa anti? (f)

أنا بخير وأنت؟