

**INTRODUCTION TO LEARNING
ARABIC**

**BASIC ARABIC
PHRASES**

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Introduction: Approaches to Learning Arabic

The pedagogical methodology adopted in the grammar series *Basic Arabic Grammar* (TAS004A-D) focuses on rigorously understanding Arabic grammar, which we believe is the most efficient and effective way of learning any foreign language. This is in contrast to two competing ways of learning Arabic, namely to focus on *naḥw* (classical Arabic syntax), or else by immersion.



For more details, please see the article *How to Learn Arabic* at http://www.arabic-studio.com/arabic_language_about.html.

One potential drawback of focussing on Arabic grammar, as opposed to an immersion methodology, is that the student doesn't learn how to introduce himself or herself, and ask basic conversational questions, until much later. This text tries to deal with that by giving a few basic Arabic phrases. However, to benefit from and gain even a rudimentary understanding of these basic phrases, the student should at least have done the first few chapters of the course *Basic Arabic Grammar: Part A* (TAS004A).

1 Introducing Yourself

Hello (<i>lit.</i> peace be upon you).	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ.	♂
Hello.	وَ عَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامُ.	♀
What is your name?	مَا اسْمُكَ؟	♂
My name is Fatimah. What is <i>your</i> name?	إِسْمِي فَاطِمَةٌ. مَا اسْمُكَ أَنْتَ؟	♀
My name is Muhammad.	إِسْمِي مُحَمَّدٌ.	♂
How are you, Muhammad?	كَيْفَ حَالُكَ، يَا مُحَمَّدٌ؟	♀
I'm fine. How are <i>you</i> ?	أَنَا بِخَيْرٍ. كَيْفَ حَالُكَ أَنْتَ؟	♂
I'm fine too.	أَنَا بِخَيْرٍ أَيْضًا.	♀
Where are you from, Fatimah?	مِنْ أَيْنَ أَنْتِ، يَا فَاطِمَةُ؟	♂
I'm from Britain. Where are <i>you</i> from?	أَنَا مِنْ بَرِيْطَانِيَا. مِنْ أَيْنَ أَنْتَ؟	♀
I'm from America.	أَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِيْكََا.	♂

2 Masculine and Feminine

I'm a (male) student	أَنَا طَالِبٌ	
I'm a (female) student	أَنَا طَالِبَةٌ	
You (addressing a boy) are clever	أَنْتَ ذَكِيٌّ	
You (addressing a girl) are clever	أَنْتِ ذَكِيَّةٌ	
He is a (male) doctor	هُوَ طَبِيبٌ	
She is a (female) doctor	هِيَ طَبِيبَةٌ	
This is a (male) teacher	هَذَا أُسْتَاذٌ	
This is a (female) teacher	هَذِهِ أُسْتَاذَةٌ	
That is a chair	ذَلِكَ كُرْسِيٌّ	
That is a table	تِلْكَ مَائِدَةٌ	
He went to the market	ذَهَبَ إِلَى السُّوقِ	
She went to the market	ذَهَبَتْ إِلَى السُّوقِ	

3 Basic Questions

Who is he?	مَنْ هُوَ؟	♂
He is the king.	هُوَ الْمَلِكُ.	♀
Is the prince with the king?	هَلِ الْأَمِيرُ مَعَ الْمَلِكِ؟	♂
No, the prince is with the queen.	لا ، الْأَمِيرُ مَعَ الْمَلِكَةِ.	♀
Is the queen in the mosque?	هَلِ الْمَلِكَةُ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ؟	♂
Yes, the queen is in the mosque.	نَعَمْ ، الْمَلِكَةُ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ.	♀
Where is the mosque?	أَيْنَ الْمَسْجِدُ؟	♂
The mosque is on the mountain.	الْمَسْجِدُ عَلَى الْجَبَلِ.	♀
Why did she go to the mosque?	لِمَاذَا ذَهَبَتْ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ؟	♂
And how did she go to the mosque?	وَ كَيْفَ ذَهَبَتْ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ؟	♂
And when did she go to the mosque?	وَ مَتَى ذَهَبَتْ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ؟	♂
I don't know!	لا أَدْرِي!	♀