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Introduction

Vocabulary, much more than grammar, is the key to effective communication in Arabic. You need words to speak; you need words to listen and understand.

Knowing grammar inside and out won't save you if you don't have the right word to plug into the structure. You can walk into a shop armed with grammatical structures such as "I would like some ___." or "Do you have any ___?" but if you don't know the word for the thing you want, you may very well leave the shop empty handed. On the other hand, if you walk into that same shop and simply say "sugar," you're almost certain to get what went there for.

And without an extensive repertoire of vocabulary, you will understand very little of what others are talking about. Arabic, to your foreign ears, will remain little more than gibberish. But once you can understand the majority of what you hear, something magical happens. The input becomes manageable—you will be able to use contextual clues from what you do understand to guess the meaning of new words and start to make rapid progress in Arabic.

It is therefore very important to build up a large store of words as soon as possible. **Modern Standard Arabic Vocabulary** is an enormously effective means to this end. By presenting practical words and phrases categorized by topic and arranged with a logical flow, mental connections that assist in vocabulary retention are fostered. The page layout in parallel columns of English translation, phonemic transcription, and Arabic script provides a variety of ways to study the vocabulary by allowing you to cover columns and test yourself.

The accompanying MP3s, free to download and stream from our website at www.lingualism.com/msav, make up an invaluable part of the learning process, allowing you to hear and mimic native speakers' pronunciation, pitch, intonation, and rhythm. Additional materials (Anki digital flashcards, premium audio, eBook) are available separately from our website and provide even more powerful tools for rapid vocabulary acquisition.

Although extremely important, vocabulary still only makes up one aspect of learning a language. **Modern Standard Arabic Vocabulary** is the ideal supplementary tool to reinforce vocabulary acquisition. However, it is not meant to be a stand-alone course. It is expected that you have followed, are following, or plan to follow, a course in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA).

I would like to extend a special thanks to Ahmed Younis for collaborating with me to make this book possible, providing authentic Arabic words and phrases for the items in this book, proof-reading the text, giving me valuable feedback and cultural insights to ensure the accuracy of the information, and recording the audio tracks.



Audio

Visit www.lingualism.com/msav, where you can find free accompanying audio to download or stream (at variable playback rates).

Sample

How to Use This Book

Modern Standard Arabic Vocabulary is made up of 56 thematic sections, each dedicated to a different topic.

You may study the sections and individual vocabulary items in any order or work through the book systematically. It is encouraged that you mark up and highlight the book as you use it. Make it your own. There is also a Notebook after the last section where you can add in more words you have learned from other sources.

Many words could logically belong to more than one topic. While some words do appear in more than one section, to avoid superfluous repetition of words, most appear only once. To your surprise, you might not be able to find common animals such as *cow* and *horse* in the section “Animals,” for instance. This is because farm animals appear in the section “Agriculture” instead. This might not be entirely intuitive, so to solve this, an Alphabetical English index can be found at the back of the book.

- For nouns and adjectives having an irregular plural form, the plural appears in parentheses.
- If a noun is listed in its dual or plural (^[pl.]) form, this is indicated.
- A noun ending in َ is feminine, and a noun *not* ending in َ is masculine. The gender is marked ^[m.] and ^[f.] for nouns which do not follow this rule.
- All countries (except those marked ^[m.]) and all cities are feminine. Keep this in mind as countries and cities are not individually marked ^[f.].
- Normally, only the masculine version of nouns denoting humans is listed when the feminine equivalent can be formed by adding َ. For example, مُعَلِّم is a male teacher. A female teacher would be مُعَلِّمَةٌ.
- For the sake of consistency and simplicity, the masculine singular form is used in most expressions. You will need to use your knowledge of Arabic grammar to produce the feminine or plural equivalents.
- Each verb appears in its base form (its most basic form without any prefixes or suffixes), which is the masculine singular perfect (past) tense, literally “he did”; however, the English translation appears in its standard citation form: “to do.” In order to use a verb in a sentence, it must be conjugated. Verbs are followed by references to their conjugation pattern as laid out in our book *Modern Standard Arabic Verbs: Conjugation Tables*.

Phonemic Transcription

Phonemic transcription appears alongside the Arabic script for learners who do not yet have the ability to read Arabic script with ease. Below is a quick reference key to show which letters and sounds the phonemic transcription represents. More information on the system, Arabic script, and pronunciation can be found in the Resources section at www.lingualism.com/msav.

Vowels

a	اَ	ā	اِ	aw	أَ	ay	أِ
i	اِ	ī	يِ	ō*	وِ	ē*	يِ
u	اُ	ū	وِ				

**used in some foreign borrowings*

Consonants

b	ب	ḥ	ح	r	ر	w	و
d	د	j	ج	s	س	x	خ
ḏ	ذ	k	ك	š	ش	y	ي
q	ض	l	ل	ṣ	ص	z	ز
f	ف	m	م	t	ت	ẓ	ظ
ɣ	غ	n	ن	ṭ	ث	ʔ	ء
h	ه	q	ق	t	ط	ʕ	ع

Grammatical Case Endings

Case endings (i3raab) are written both in the phonemic transcription and Arabic script although they are omitted in speech before a pause or at the end of an utterance, including words in isolation. Because case endings can be omitted or changed for case depending on a words role in a sentence, they are not seen as part of a word itself and are thus de-emphasized using small superscript.

u	ُ	a	َ	i	ِ
un	ُنْ	an	اُنْ	in	ِيْ

1

Life and Death

life	<i>ḥayā^{tun} (ḥayawāt^{un})</i>	حَيَاةٌ (حَيَوَاتٌ)
to live	<i>3āša^[1h2]</i>	عَاشَ
I live in Dubai.	<i>ʔana ʔa3īš^u fī dubayyⁱ.</i>	أَنَا أَعِيشُ فِي دُبَيِّ.
alive	<i>ḥayy^{un} (ʔaḥyāʔ^{un})</i>	حَيٌّ (أَحْيَاءُ)
to give birth to	<i>waladat^[1a2] waḍa3at^[1a1] mawlūdahā</i>	وَلَدَتْ وَضَعَتْ مَوْلُودَهَا
to be born	<i>wulida^[p]</i>	وُلِدَ
birth	<i>wilāda^{tun}</i>	وِلَادَةٌ
newborn	<i>mawlūd^{un} (mawālīd^u)</i>	مَوْلُودٌ (مَوَالِيدُ)
baby, infant	<i>radī3^{un} (rudḍa3^{un}) tīf^{un} radī3^{un} (ʔatfāl^{un} rudḍa3^{un})</i>	رَضِيعٌ (رَضَعٌ) طِفْلٌ رَضِيعٌ (أَطْفَالٌ رَضَعٌ)
to be breastfed, suckle	<i>radī3a^[1s4]</i>	رَضِعَ
to breastfeed	<i>ʔarḍa3at^[4s]</i>	أَرَضَعْتُ
toddler	<i>tīf^{un} ḥadīṭ^u -lmašyⁱ (ʔatfāl^{un} ḥadīṭī -lmašyⁱ)</i>	طِفْلٌ حَدِيثُ الْمَشْيِ (أَطْفَالٌ حَدِيثِي الْمَشْيِ)
diaper	<i>ḥaffāza^{tun}</i>	حَفَافَةٌ
child	<i>tīf^{un} (ʔatfāl^{un})</i>	طِفْلٌ (أَطْفَالٌ)

well-behaved	<i>muhađđab^{un}</i>	مُهَذَّبٌ
naughty, mischievous	<i>šaqqy^{un} (ʔašqyāʔ^{un})</i>	شَقِيٌّ (أَشْقِيَاءُ)
childish, immature	<i>tufūliyy^{un}</i>	طُفُولِيٌّ
mature(-acting)	<i>wā3ⁱⁿ</i>	وَاعٍ
boy	<i>walad^{un} (ʔawlād^{un})</i>	وَلَدٌ (أَوْلَادٌ)
girl	<i>bint^{un} (banāt^{un})</i>	بِنْتُ (بَنَاتٌ)
adolescent, teenager	<i>murāhiq^{un}</i>	مُرَاهِقٌ
to grow up, get older	<i>kabura^[1s6]</i>	كَبُرَ
person (people)	<i>šaḫṣ^{un} (ʔašḫāṣ^{un})</i>	شَخْصٌ (أَشْخَاصٌ)
people	<i>nās^{un}</i>	نَاسٌ
young man	<i>šābb^{un} (šabāb^{un})</i>	شَابٌّ (شَبَابٌ)
young woman	<i>šābba^{tun} fatā^{tun} (fatayāt^{un}) bint^{un} (banāt^{un})</i>	شَابَّةٌ فَتَاةٌ (فَتَيَاتٌ) بِنْتُ (بَنَاتٌ)
man	<i>raju^{un} (rijāl^{un})</i>	رَجُلٌ (رِجَالٌ)
woman	<i>imraʔa^{tun} (nisāʔ^{un})</i>	إِمْرَأَةٌ (نِسَاءٌ)
adult, grown-up	<i>bāliḡ^{un} wā3ⁱⁿ</i>	بَالِغٌ وَاعٍ
young people, youth	<i>šabāb^{un}</i>	شَبَابٌ
young	<i>ṣayīr^{un} (ṣiyār^{un})</i>	صَغِيرٌ (صِغَارٌ)

in one's fifties	<i>fī -lḫamsīnātī [min 3umriḥī]</i>	فِي الْخَمْسِينَاتِ [مِنْ عُمُرِهِ]
middle-aged	<i>fī muntaṣafī 3umriḥī</i>	فِي مُنْتَصَفِ عُمُرِهِ
old	<i>3ajūz^{un}</i>	عَجُوزٌ
old man	<i>raju^{lun} 3ajūz^{un}</i>	رَجُلٌ عَجُوزٌ
old woman	<i>imraʔa^{tun} 3ajūz^{un}</i>	إِمْرَأَةٌ عَجُوزٌ
to age, grow old	<i>kabura^[156] fī -ssinnī</i>	كَبُرَ فِي السَّنِّ
Everyone gets old.	<i>aljāmī3^u yakbur^u fī -ssinnī.</i>	الْجَمِيعُ يَكْبُرُ فِي السَّنِّ.
childhood	<i>tufūla^{tun}</i>	طُفُولَةٌ
in one's childhood	<i>fī tufūlatihī</i>	فِي طُفُولَتِهِ
adolescence	<i>murāḥqa^{tun}</i>	مُرَاهَقَةٌ
youth	<i>šabāb^{un}</i>	شَبَابٌ
in one's youth	<i>fī šabābihī</i>	فِي شَبَابِهِ
old age	<i>3umr^{un} kabīr^{un}</i>	عُمْرٌ كَبِيرٌ
birthday	<i>yawm^u mīlādⁱⁿ (ʔayyām^u mīlādⁱⁿ)</i>	يَوْمٌ مِيلَادٍ (أَيَّامٌ مِيلَادٍ)
Happy Birthday!	<i>kull^u 3āmⁱⁿ wa-ʔant^a bi-xayrⁱⁿ! 3īd^u mīlādⁱⁿ sa3īdⁱⁿ!</i>	كُلُّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتَ بِخَيْرٍ! عِيدٌ مِيلَادٍ سَعِيدٍ!
Thank you! (response to 'Happy Birthday!')	<i>wa-ʔant^a bi-xayrⁱⁿ!</i>	وَأَنْتَ بِخَيْرٍ!
Happy birthday and may you have many more!	<i>kull^u 3āmⁱⁿ wa-ʔant^a bi-xayrⁱⁿ, ʔatamannā lak^a -l3umr^a -lmaḍīd^a!</i>	كُلُّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتَ بِخَيْرٍ، أَتَمَنَّى لَكَ الْعُمْرَ الْمَدِيدَ!

When is your birthday?	<i>matā yawm^u mīlādik^a?</i>	مَتَى يَوْمٌ مِيلَادِكَ؟
My birthday is in May.	<i>yawm^u mīlādī fī šahrⁱ ḡayyār^a.</i>	يَوْمٌ مِيلَادِي فِي شَهْرِ أَيَّارَ.
age, life span	<i>3umr^{un} (ḡa3mār^{un})</i>	عُمُرٌ (أَعْمَارٌ)
all one's life	<i>tūl^u -l3umrⁱ</i>	طَوْلُ الْعُمُرِ
year	<i>kull^u ḡayātihⁱ</i>	كُلُّ حَيَاتِهِ
How old are you?	<i>kam 3umruk^a?</i>	كَمْ عُمُرُكَ؟
I'm 20 years old.	<i>3umrī 3iṣrūn^a.</i>	عُمُرِي عِشْرُونَ.
to turn __ years old	<i>balaya^[1s3] __ min 3umrihⁱ</i> <i>balaya^[1s3] min^a -l3umrⁱ</i> <i>__ sana^{tan}</i>	بَلَغَ __ مِنْ عُمُرِهِ بَلَغَ مِنَ الْعُمُرِ __ سَنَةً
He's turning ten years old next week.	<i>sa-yabluy^u -l3āšira^{ta}</i> <i>min 3umrihⁱ -lḡusbū3^a</i> <i>-lmuqbīl^a.</i>	سَيَبْلُغُ الْعَاشِرَةَ مِنْ عُمُرِهِ الْأُسْبُوعَ الْمُقْبِلِ.
I turned thirty last month.	<i>laqad balayt^u -tṭalātīn^a</i> <i>sana^{tan} -ššahr^a -lmādiy^a.</i>	لَقَدْ بَلَغْتُ الثَّلَاثِينَ سَنَةً الشَّهْرَ الْمَاضِي.
a ten-year-old child	<i>tifl^{un} fī -l3āšira^{ti} min 3umrihⁱ</i>	طِفْلٌ فِي الْعَاشِرَةِ مِنْ عُمُرِهِ
a fifty-year-old woman	<i>amraḡa^{tan} 3umruhā xamsūn^a</i>	امْرَأَةٌ عُمُرُهَا خَمْسُونَ
When were you born?	<i>matā wulid^a?</i>	مَتَى وُلِدْتُ؟
What year were you born?	<i>fī ḡayyⁱ sana^{tin} wulid^a?</i>	فِي أَيِّ سَنَةٍ وُلِدْتُ؟
I was born in 1980.	<i>wulid^u 3ām^a ḡalf^{an}</i> <i>wati3imiḡa^{tin}</i> <i>waṭamānīn^a.</i>	وُلِدْتُ عَامَ أَلْفٍ وَتِسْعِمِائَةٍ وَتَمَانِينَ.

death	<i>mawt^{un}</i>	مَوْتُ
to die	<i>māta</i> ^[1h3]	مَاتَ
dead	<i>mayyit^{un}</i>	مَيِّتٌ
death, passing	<i>mawt^{un} wafā^{tun}</i>	مَوْتُ وَفَاةٌ
to pass away	<i>tuwuffiya</i> ^[p] <i>jāʔa</i> ^[1h2(a)] <i>ʔajaluh^u</i>	تَوُفِّيَ جَاءَ أَجَلُهُ
deceased	<i>mutawaffā</i>	مُتَوُفِّي
corpse, body	<i>jutta^{tun}</i> (<i>juṭat^{un}</i>)	جُثَّةٌ (جُثَّتْ)
funeral	<i>jināza^{tun}</i>	جِنَازَةٌ
to bury	<i>dafana</i> ^[1s2]	دَفَنَ
to be buried	<i>dufina</i> ^[p]	دُفِنَ
burial	<i>dafn^{un}</i>	دَفْنٌ
coffin	<i>na3š^{un}</i> (<i>nu3ūš^{un}</i>)	نَعَشٌ (نَعُوشٌ)
cemetery	<i>maqbara^{tun}</i> (<i>maqābir^u</i>)	مَقْبَرَةٌ (مَقَابِرُ)
grave	<i>qabr^{un}</i> (<i>qubūr^{un}</i>)	قَبْرٌ (قُبُورُ)
gravestone, headstone	<i>šāhid^u</i> - <i>lqabrⁱ</i> (<i>šawāhid^u</i> - <i>lqubūrⁱ</i>)	شَاهِدُ الْقَبْرِ (شَوَاهِدُ الْقُبُورِ)
to mourn	<i>ḥazina</i> ^[1s4]	حَزَنَ
mourning	<i>ḥidād^{un}</i>	حِدَادٌ
period of mourning	<i>fatra^{tu}</i> - <i>lḥidādⁱ</i>	فَتْرَةُ الْحِدَادِ

to cremate

ḥaraqa ^[1s3] -*ljutta*^{ta}

حَرَقَ الْجُثَّةَ

cremation

ḥarq^u -*ljutta*^{ti}

حَرْقُ الْجُثَّةِ

Sample

(extended) family	<i>3āḡila^{tu}n</i>	عَائِلَةٌ
(immediate) family	<i>ḡusra^{tu}n (ḡusar^un)</i>	أُسْرَةٌ (أَسْر)
relative	<i>qarīb^un (ḡaqārib^u, ḡaqribāḡ^un)</i>	قَرِيبٌ (أَقْرَبُ، أَقْرَبَاءُ)
I have some relatives that live in New York.	<i>ladayy^a ba3q^un min^a -lḡaqāribⁱ ya3īšūn^a fī nyōgyōrk^a.</i>	لَدَيَّ بَعْضُ مِنَ الْأَقْرَابِ يَعِيشُونَ فِي نِيُيُورْكَ.
to be related to	<i>3alā ṣila^{ti} qarāba^{tin} bi-</i>	عَلَى صِلَةٍ قَرَابَةٍ بِـ
Are you two related?	<i>hal ḡantumā ḡaqārib^u?</i>	هَلْ أَنْتُمَا أَقْرَبُ؟
I'm not related to him.	<i>ḡana lastu 3alā ṣila^{ti} qarāba^{tin} bihⁱ. ḡana lā ḡaqrubuh^u.</i>	أَنَا لَسْتُ عَلَى صِلَةٍ قَرَابَةٍ بِهِ. أَنَا لَا أَقْرَبُهُ.
father	<i>ḡab^un (ḡābāḡ^un)</i>	أَبٌ (آبَاءُ)
mother	<i>ḡumm^un (ḡummahāt^un)</i>	أُمٌّ (أُمَّهَاتُ)
my mother and father, my mom and dad	<i>ḡummī waḡabī</i>	أُمِّي وَأَبِي
Hi, Dad!	<i>marḡaban ḡabī!</i>	مَرْحَبًا أَبِي!
Where are you, Mom?	<i>ḡayn^a ḡantⁱ yā ḡummī?</i>	أَيْنَ أَنْتِ يَا أُمِّي؟
parents	<i>wālidānⁱ ḡābāḡ^un</i>	وَالِدَانِ آبَاءُ
son, (male) child	<i>ibn^un (ḡabnāḡ^un)</i>	إِبْنٌ (أَبْنَاءُ)

daughter, (female) child	<i>bint^{un} (banāt^{un})</i>	بِنْتُ (بَنَاتُ)
Do you have any children?	<i>hal ladayk^a ḡaṭfāl^{un}?</i>	هَلْ لَدَيْكَ أَطْفَالٌ؟
How many children do you have?	<i>kam ṭifl^{an} ladayk^a?</i>	كَمْ طِفْلاً لَدَيْكَ؟
to have (a child)	<i>ḡanjaba^[4s] ṭifl^{an}</i>	أَنْجَبَ طِفْلاً
They had triplets.	<i>ḡanjabū ṭalāṭa^{ta} tawāḡim^a.</i>	أَنْجَبُوا ثَلَاثَةَ تَوَائِمَ.
siblings	<i>ḡixwa^{tun}</i>	إِخْوَةٌ
brother	<i>ḡax^{un} (ḡixwa^{tun})</i>	أَخٌ (إِخْوَةٌ)
My brother and my friend's brother came with me.	<i>jāḡa ḡaxī wa-ḡaxū ṣadiqī ma3ī.</i>	جَاءَ أَخِي وَأَخُو صَدِيقِي مَعِي.
sister	<i>ḡuxt^{un} (ḡaxawāt^{un})</i>	أُخْتُ (أَخَوَاتُ)
older brother	<i>ḡax^{un} kabīr^{un}</i>	أَخٌ كَبِيرٌ
younger sister	<i>ḡuxt^{un} ṣaḡīra^{tun}</i>	أُخْتُ صَغِيرَةٌ
Do you have any brothers or sisters?	<i>hal ladayk^a ḡixwa^{tun} ḡaw ḡaxawāt^{un}?</i>	هَلْ لَدَيْكَ إِخْوَةٌ أَوْ أَخَوَاتُ؟
I have two older sisters and one younger brother.	<i>ladayy^a ḡuxtānⁱ kabīratānⁱ wa-ḡax^{un} ṣaḡyar^{un}.</i>	لَدَيَّ أُخْتَانِ كَبِيرَتَانِ وَأَخٌ أَصْغَرٌ.
I'm the youngest in my family.	<i>ḡana -lṣaḡyar^u fī 3āḡilatī.</i>	أَنَا الْأَصْغَرُ فِي عَائِلَتِي.
I'm the middle child/son.	<i>ḡana -libn^u -lḡawsaṭ^u.</i>	أَنَا الْإِبْنُ الْأَوْسَطُ.
I'm an only child.	<i>ḡana -libn^u -lwaḡīd^u.</i>	أَنَا الْإِبْنُ الْوَحِيدُ.
twin	<i>tawḡam^{un} (tawāḡim^u)</i>	تَوَائِمٌ (تَوَائِمُ)

Are you two twins?	<i>hal ʔantumā tawʔamānʔ</i>	هَلْ أَنْتُمَا تَوَآمَانِ؟
I have a twin brother.	<i>ladayy^a ʔax^{un} tawʔam^{un}.</i>	لَدَيَّ أَخٌ تَوَآمٍ.
full brother	<i>šaqīq^{un} (ʔašiqqāʔ^u)</i>	شَقِيقٌ (أَشِقَاءُ)
full sister	<i>šaqīqa^{tun}</i>	شَقِيقَةٌ
half-brother	<i>ʔax^{un} ʔayr^u šaqīqⁱⁿ</i>	أَخٌ غَيْرُ شَقِيقٍ
half-sister	<i>ʔuxt^{un} ʔayr^u šaqīqa^{tin}</i>	أُخْتُ غَيْرُ شَقِيقَةٍ
He's my half-brother.	<i>ʔinnah^u ʔaxī ʔayr^u -ššaqīqⁱ.</i>	إِنَّهُ أَخِي غَيْرُ الشَّقِيقِ.
husband	<i>zawj^{un} (ʔazwāj^{un})</i>	زَوْجٌ (أَزْوَاجُ)
wife	<i>zawja^{tun}</i>	زَوْجَةٌ
His wife came with him.	<i>jāʔat zawjatuh^u ma3ah^u.</i>	جَاءَتْ زَوْجَتُهُ مَعَهُ.
Rather than using a single term meaning 'step-' in Arabic, relationships are described.		
stepfather	<i>zawj^u ʔummⁱⁿ [lit. mother's husband]</i>	زَوْجُ أُمٍّ
stepmother	<i>zawja^{tu} ʔabⁱⁿ</i>	زَوْجَةُ أَبٍ
stepson	<i>rabīb^{un} ibn^u -zzawjⁱ ibn^u -zzawja^{ti}</i>	رَبِيبٌ ابْنُ الزَّوْجِ ابْنُ الزَّوْجَةِ
stepdaughter	<i>rabība^{tun} ibna^{tu} -zzawjⁱ ibna^{tu} -zzawja^{ti}</i>	رَبِيبَةٌ ابْنَةُ الزَّوْجِ ابْنَةُ الزَّوْجَةِ

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The Human Body & Describing People

body	<i>jism^{un} (ʔajsām^{un})</i>	جَسْمٌ (أَجْسَامٌ)
head	<i>raʔs^{un} [m. or f.] (ruʔūs^{un})</i>	رَأْسٌ (رُؤُوسٌ)
brain, mind	<i>3aql^{un} (3uqūl^{un})</i>	عَقْلٌ (عُقُولٌ)
skull	<i>jumjuma^{tun} (jamājim^u)</i>	جُمُجُمَةٌ (جَمَاجِمٌ)
face	<i>wajh^{un} (wujūh^{un})</i>	وَجْهٌ (وُجُوهُ)
He has a round face.	<i>ladayhⁱ wajh^{un} mustadīr^{un}.</i>	لَدَيْهِ وَجْهٌ مُسْتَدِيرٌ.
She has an oblong face.	<i>ladayhā wajh^{un} mustatīl^{un}.</i>	لَدَيْهَا وَجْهٌ مُسْتَطِيلٌ.
I have a square face.	<i>ladayy^a wajh^{un} murabba3^{un}.</i>	لَدَيَّ وَجْهٌ مُرَبَّعٌ.
You have an oval face.	<i>ladayk^a wajh^{un} bayḍāwiyy^{un}.</i>	لَدَيْكَ وَجْهٌ بَيْضَاوِيٌّ.
to wash one's face	<i>yasala^[1s2] wajhah^u</i>	غَسَلَ وَجْهَهُ
forehead	<i>jabha^{tun} (jibāh^{un})</i>	جَبْهَةٌ (جِبَاهٌ)
He has a big forehead.	<i>ladayhⁱ jabha^{tun} kabīra^{tun}.</i>	لَدَيْهِ جَبْهَةٌ كَبِيرَةٌ.
brow; eyebrow	<i>ḥājib^{un} (ḥawājib^u)</i>	حَاجِبٌ (حَوَاجِبٌ)
to frown, knit one's brow, scowl	<i>3abasa^[1s2] qaṭṭaba^[2s] ḥājibayhⁱ</i>	عَبَسَ قَطَبَ حَاجِبِيهِ
cheek	<i>xadd^{un} (xudūd^{un})</i>	خَدٌ (خُدُودٌ)
chin	<i>ḍaqqn^{un} (ḍuqūn^{un})</i>	ذَقْنٌ (ذُقُونٌ)
jaw	<i>fakk^{un} (fukūk^{un})</i>	فَكٌّ (فُكُوكٌ)

house	<i>bayt^{un} (buyūt^{un})</i> <i>manzil^{un} (manāzil^{un})</i>	بَيْت (بَيْوت) مَنْزِل (مَنْازِل)
apartment	<i>šaqqat^{un} (šuqqat^{un})</i>	شَقَّة (شَقَق)
two-story apartment	<i>šaqqat^{un} min tābiqaynⁱ</i>	شَقَّة مِنْ طَابِقَيْنِ
penthouse apartment	<i>šaqqat^{un} bi-ttābiqⁱ -l-3ulwiyyⁱ</i>	شَقَّة بِالطَابِقِ الْعُلَوِيِّ
story, floor	<i>tābiq^{un} (tawābiq^{un})</i>	طَابِق (طَوَابِق)
two-story house for sale	<i>manzil^{un} min tābiqaynⁱ</i> <i>li-lbay3ⁱ</i>	مَنْزِل مِنْ طَابِقَيْنِ لِلْبَيْعِ
The apartment is on the fourth floor.	<i>aššaqqat^{un} fī -ttābiqⁱ -rrābi3ⁱ.</i>	الشَقَّة فِي الطَابِقِ الرَّابِعِ.
to rent an apartment	<i>istaʔjara šaqqat^{tan}</i>	إِسْتَأْجَرَ شَقَّةً
rent	<i>ʔijār^{un}</i> <i>ʔujra^{tan}</i>	إِيجَار أُجْرَة
How much is the rent?	<i>kamⁱ -l-ʔijār^{un}?</i>	كَمْ الْإِيجَارُ؟
How much do you pay in rent?	<i>kam tadfa3^{un} li-l-ʔijār^{un}?</i>	كَمْ تَدْفَعُ لِلْإِيجَارِ؟
tenant, renter	<i>mustaʔjir^{un}</i>	مُسْتَأْجِرٌ
landlord	<i>mālik^{un} (mullāk^{un})</i>	مَالِك (مُلَّاك)
landlady	<i>mālika^{tan}</i>	مَالِكَة
to rent an apartment to	<i>istaʔjara šaqqat^{tan} li-</i>	إِسْتَأْجَرَ شَقَّةً لـ

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Food and Drink

to eat	<i>ʔakala</i> ^[1s3(a)]	أَكَلَ
What do you feel like eating?	<i>māḏā tufjibb^u ʔan taʔkul^a?</i>	مَاذَا تُحِبُّ أَنْ تَأْكُلَ؟
food	<i>ʔa3ām^{un}</i> <i>ʔakl^{un}</i>	طَعَامٌ أَكْلٌ
to drink	<i>šariba</i> ^[1s4]	شَرِبَ
drink, beverage	<i>šarāb^{un}</i> <i>mašrūb^{un}</i>	شَرَابٌ مَشْرُوبٌ
a bite	<i>qaḏma^{tun}</i>	قَضْمَةٌ
to take a bite of	<i>ʔaxaḏa</i> ^[1s3(a)] <i>qaḏma^{tan}</i>	أَخَذَ قَضْمَةً
He took a bite of the hamburger and put it down.	<i>ʔaxaḏa qaḏma^{tan} min šaṭīra^{ti} -llaḥmⁱ wa-waḏa3ahā jāniban.</i>	أَخَذَ قَضْمَةً مِنْ شَطِيرَةٍ اللَّحْمِ وَوَضَعَهَا جَانِبًا.
a sip	<i>rašfa^{tun}</i>	رَشْفَةٌ
to take a drink/sip (of)	<i>ʔaxaḏa</i> ^[1s3(a)] <i>rašfa^{tan} min</i>	أَخَذَ رَشْفَةً مِنْ
mouthful	<i>luqma^{tun}</i>	لُقْمَةٌ
She took a sip of water and put the glass down.	<i>ʔaxaḏat rašfa^{ta} mā^{ʔin} wa-waḏa3atⁱ -lkūb^a jāniban.</i>	أَخَذَتْ رَشْفَةً مَاءٍ وَوَضَعَتْ الْكُوبَ جَانِبًا.
to chew	<i>maḏaya</i> ^[1s1]	مَضَغَ
to swallow	<i>bala3a</i> ^[1s1]	بَلَغَ

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Recreation and Relaxation

to relax	<i>istarxā</i> ^[10d]	إِسْتَرَخَى
relaxation	<i>istirxāʔ^{un}</i>	إِسْتِرْخَاءٌ
to go for a walk	<i>ḍahaba</i> ^[1s1] <i>fī nuzha^{tin}</i> <i>tamaššā</i> ^[5d]	ذَهَبَ فِي نَزْهَةٍ تَمَشَّى
Let's go for a walk in the park.	<i>hayyā naḍhab^u fī nuzha^{tin}</i> <i>fī -lḥadīqa^{ti}.</i>	هَيَّا نَذْهَبُ فِي نَزْهَةٍ فِي الْحَدِيقَةِ.
to fly a kite	<i>tayyara</i> ^[2s] <i>tāʔira^{tan}</i> <i>waraqīyya^{tan}</i>	طَیَّرَ طَائِرَةً وَرَقِيَّةً
felucca (river sailboat)	<i>markib^{un} širā3iyy^{un}</i> (<i>marākib^u širā3iyya^{tan}</i>)	مَرْكَبُ شِرَاعِيٍّ (مَرَائِبُ شِرَاعِيَّةٍ)
day off	<i>[yawm^u] ʔijāza^{tin}</i> <i>[yawm^u] 3uṭla^{tin}</i>	[يَوْمٌ] إِجَازَةٌ [يَوْمٌ] عَطْلَةٌ
Today's my day off.	<i>alyawm^a huwa yawm^u ʔijāzati.</i>	الْيَوْمُ هُوَ يَوْمٌ إِجَارَتِي.
to rest	<i>istarāḥa</i> ^[10h]	إِسْتَرَاَحَ
fun, enjoyable	<i>mumti3^{un}</i>	مُمْتَعٌ
friend	<i>ṣadīq^{un} (ʔaṣḍiqāʔ^{un})</i> <i>ṣāḥib^{un} (ʔaṣḥāb^{un})</i>	صَدِيقٌ (أَصْدِقَاءُ) صَاحِبٌ (أَصْحَابُ)
to meet up with friends	<i>iltaqā bi-ʔaṣḍiqāʔihī</i>	التَقَى بِأَصْدِقَائِهِ

time	<i>waqt^{un} (ʔawqāt^{un})</i>	وَقْتُ (أَوْقَاتُ)
day	<i>yawm^{un} (ʔayyām^{un})</i>	يَوْمٌ (أَيَّامٌ)
in the morning	<i>fī -ṣṣabāḥⁱ</i>	فِي الصَّبَاحِ
at noon	<i>fī -zzahīra^{ti} fī -zzuhrⁱ</i>	فِي الظَّهِيرَةِ فِي الظَّهْرِ
in the afternoon	<i>ba3d^a -zzuhrⁱ ba3d^a -zzahīra^{ti}</i>	بَعْدَ الظُّهْرِ بَعْدَ الظَّهِيرَةِ
in the evening, at night	<i>fī -lmasā^{ʔi} fī -llaylⁱ</i>	فِي الْمَسَاءِ فِي اللَّيْلِ
at midnight	<i>fī muntaṣafⁱ -llaylⁱ</i>	فِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ
three days ago	<i>qabl^a ṭalāṭa^{ti} ʔayyāmⁱⁿ</i>	قَبْلَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ
the day before yesterday	<i>ʔawwal^a ʔamsⁱ</i>	أَوَّلَ أَمْسٍ
yesterday	<i>ʔamsⁱ fī -lʔamsⁱ</i>	أَمْسٍ فِي الْأَمْسِ
yesterday morning	<i>albāriḥa^{ta} ṣabāḥan ṣabāḥ^a ʔamsⁱⁿ</i>	الْبَارِحَةَ صَبَاحًا صَبَاحَ أَمْسٍ
last night	<i>layla^{ta} ʔamsⁱ allayla^{ta} -lmāḍiya^{ta}</i>	لَيْلَةَ أَمْسٍ اللَّيْلَةَ الْمَاضِيَةَ

at, in, on	<i>fī</i>	فِي
inside (of)	<i>dāxil^a</i>	دَاخِلٌ
in the box	<i>fī -ṣṣundūqⁱ</i>	فِي الصُّنْدُوقِ
outside of; out of	<i>xārij^a</i>	خَارِجٌ
on; onto	<i>ʔalā</i>	عَلَى
on the table	<i>ʔalā -ṭṭāwila^{ti}</i>	عَلَى الطَّاوِلَةِ
He fell onto the hood of the car.	<i>saqaṭa ʔalā yitā^ʔ muḥarrikⁱ -ssayyāra^{ti}.</i>	سَقَطَ عَلَى غِطَاءِ مُحَرِّكِ السَّيَّارَةِ.
to	<i>ʔilā</i>	إِلَى
from	<i>min</i>	مِنْ
from my house to school	<i>min manzilī ʔilā -lmaḍrasa^{ti}</i>	مِنْ مَنْزِلِي إِلَى الْمَدْرَسَةِ
above, over	<i>fawq^a</i>	فَوْقَ
The painting is hanging over the sofa.	<i>allawḥa^{tu} muʔallaqa^{tu}n fawq^a -lʔarika^{ti}.</i>	اللَّوْحَةُ مُعَلَّقَةٌ فَوْقَ الْأَرِيكَةِ.
The airplane flew over the mountains.	<i>ḥallaqatⁱ -ṭṭāʔira^{tu} fawq^a -lʔibālⁱ.</i>	حَلَقَتِ الطَّائِرَةُ فَوْقَ الْجِبَالِ.
He jumped over the fence.	<i>qafaz^a fawq^a -ssyāʔi.</i>	قَفَزَ فَوْقَ السِّيَاجِ.
under, beneath	<i>taḥt^a</i>	تَحْتَ
under the table	<i>taḥt^a -ṭṭāwila^{ti}</i>	تَحْتَ الطَّاوِلَةِ

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to abandon, desert	<i>taxallā</i> ^[5d] <i>3an</i> <i>hajara</i> ^[1s3] <i>taraka</i> ^[1s3]	تَخَلَّى عَنْ هَجَرَ تَرَكَ
to accept	<i>wāfaqa</i> ^[3s] <i>qabila</i>	وَأَفَقَّ قَبِلَ
to accompany	<i>rāfaqa</i> ^[3s]	رَافَقَ
to adjust	<i>qabaṭa</i> ^[1s3] <i>3addala</i> ^[2s]	ضَبَطَ عَدَّلَ
to admit	<i>i3tarafa</i> ^[8s]	إِعْتَرَفَ
to advise, recommend	<i>naṣaḥa</i> ^[1s1] <i>ḡawṣā</i> ^[4d(b)] <i>bi-</i>	نَصَحَ أَوْصَى بِـ
to affect	<i>ḡaṭṭara</i> ^[2s(a)]	أَثَّرَ
to allow	<i>samaḥa</i> ^[1s1]	سَمَحَ
to answer, respond, reply	<i>ḡajāba</i> ^[4h] <i>radda</i> ^[1g3]	أَجَابَ رَدَّ
to apologize for	<i>i3taḏara 3an</i>	إِعْتَذَرَ عَنْ
to appear	<i>zahara</i> ^[1s1]	ظَهَرَ
to appreciate	<i>qaddara</i> ^[1s4]	قَدَّرَ

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good	<i>jayyid^{un}</i>	جَيِّدٌ
bad	<i>sayyiṭ^{un}</i>	سَيِّئٌ
hard	<i>ṣulb^{un}</i>	صَلْبٌ
soft	<i>layyin^{un}</i> <i>ṭariyy^{un}</i>	لَيِّنٌ طَرِيٌّ
difficult, hard	<i>ṣa3b^{un}</i>	صَعَبٌ
easy	<i>sahl^{un}</i>	سَهْلٌ
important	<i>muḥimm^{un}</i>	مُهِّمٌ
necessary	<i>ḡarūriyy^{un}</i>	صَّرُورِيٌّ
strong	<i>qawīyy^{un} (ṡaqwiyāṡ^u)</i>	قَوِيٌّ (أَقْوِيَاءُ)
weak	<i>ḡa3īf^{un} (ḡu3afāṡ^u)</i>	ضَعِيفٌ (ضُعَفَاءُ)
deep	<i>3amīq^{un}</i>	عَمِيقٌ
shallow	<i>ḡaḡl^{un}</i>	ضَحْلٌ
long; (person) tall	<i>ṡawīl^{un} (ṡiwāl^{un})</i>	طَوِيلٌ (طَوَالٌ)
He's very tall.	<i>ṡinnah^u ṡawīl^{un} jiddan.</i>	إِنَّهُ طَوِيلٌ جَدًّا.
short	<i>qaqṡīr^{un} (qīṡār^{un})</i>	قَصِيرٌ (قِصَارٌ)

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