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[Arabic](#) is the fourth most widely-spoken language in the world and is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

It is spoken in many popular destinations in [North Africa](#) and the [Middle East](#), the latter with the notable exception of [Iran](#) and [Turkey](#). There are many regional dialects, but a standard Arabic language is maintained due to religious needs and region-wide media.

Arabic is written from right to left. It has its own alphabet, different from the Roman alphabet used for English.

For communication purposes while travelling and using this guide, it is very important to note that Arabic is divided into Classical Arabic (the language of the Quran and classical literature and it is mostly used in print), Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and Colloquial Arabic. MSA is the Arabic of

the print and audio/visual media. Colloquial Arabic is further subdivided into regional colloquial dialects. The main regions being the [Egypt](#), the [Levant](#), Persian Gulf, and [North Africa](#). These regional, colloquial dialects sometimes differ enough to be mutually incomprehensible. Nevertheless, standard Arabic is taught in all schools in Arabic-speaking countries so, even if you do not speak the local dialect, everyone who has been to school will be able (though not always willing, especially in the Maghreb states) to communicate in standard Arabic if needed.

## Pronunciation guide

### Vowels and diphthongs

- **a:**
  - **ā** (اَ): (long)

as a general rule, when **a** or **ā** appear around the consonants (ظ ط ض ص ق) **ʃ ʒ ʔ ʒ q**, **a** or **ā** are pronounced as in the English word *father* (IPA: /ɑː/). This rule may apply to some other consonants with regional variations, but with many exceptions.

- **i:** (may be pronounced as (IPA: .e))
  - **ī** (يَ): (long).
- **u:** (may be pronounced as (IPA: .o))
  - **ū** (وَ): (long).
- **aw** (أَ): sometimes pronounced as a long vowel, **ō** (IPA: .oː), in those cases it would be written in the article as **au**.
- **ay** (أَيَ): sometimes pronounced as a long vowel, **ē** (IPA: .eː), in those cases it would be written in the article as **ai**.
- **ē** (يَ): appears in loanwords.
- **ō** (وَ): appears in loanwords.

### Consonants with great regional pronunciation difference

- **j** (جَ): written consistently (with exceptions) in the article as **j**, even though you should be careful if you intended to pronounce as Egyptians, you must pronounce it as **g**.
- **z** (زَ): is pronounced closer to **z** (IPA: .zˤ), in Egypt, Sudan and the Levant, while elsewhere pronounced closer to **dh** (IPA: .ðˤ~ðv).
- **q** (قَ): colloquially, but with some exceptions, it's pronounced as ' in Egypt and the Levant,

while **g** in Arabia and (IPA: /q/), in most of north Africa.

Arabic pronunciation varies widely from place to place, almost to the extent of making it unintelligible even for native Arabic speakers.

Standard Arabic will be understood by most educated people, as it is what they hear frequently in news casts.

As a general rule:

- **a** like *hat* and sometimes *father* (IPA: /a/)
- **ā** (آ) is a longer version of **a** (IPA: /aː/)
- **b** (ب) as in English
- **t** (ت) as in English
- **th** (ث) as in English *thin* (IPA: /θ/)
- **j** (ج) as in *jam* (IPA: /dʒ/), in Arabia, *s* as in *measure* (IPA: /ʒ/), in the [Levant](#), and **g** as in *give* in [Egypt](#).
- **ħ** (ح) is a pharyngeal fricative sound at the back of the throat (IPA: /ħ/). It sounds like you are about to whisper the word *hello*.
- **kh** (خ) as in Scots *loch* or German *Bach* (IPA: /x/)
- **d** (د) as in English
- **dh** (ذ) as in English *them* (IPA: /ð/)
- **r** (ر) rolled like Italian or Spanish *pero* or *perro*.
- **z** (ز) as in English
- **s** (س) as in English
- **sh** (ش) as in English (IPA: /ʃ/)
- **s** (ص) like *s* but with the back of the throat constricted (IPA: /sˤ/)
- **ḍ** (ض) like *d* but with the back of the throat constricted (IPA: /dˤ/)
- **ṭ** (ط) like *t* but with the back of the throat constricted (IPA: /tˤ/)
- **ẓ** (ظ) varies: like **dh** or **z** but with the back of the throat constricted. (IPA: /ðˤ~zˤ/)
- **ḡ** (غ) A voiced version of **ħ**. (IPA: /ʕ/)
- **gh** (غ) a fricative sound at the back of the throat (IPA: /ɣ/), or **kh** while using the voice box.
- **f** (ف) as in English
- **q** (ق) like **k** but further back in the throat (IPA: /q/), and is often pronounced like a glottal stop (IPA: /ʔ/), or **g**.
- **k** (ك) as in English
- **l** (ل) as in English
- **m** (م) as in English
- **n** (ن) as in English

- **h** (ه) as in English
- **w** (و) as English *we*; as a vowel **ū**: as English *boot*.
- **y** (ي) as English *yes*; as a vowel **ī**: as English *bee*.
- **ʾ** (ء أ آ ئ ؤ) as in Cockney *bottle*. A glottal stop (IPA: /ʔ/).

## Basics..

### Common signs

**OPEN** مفتوح (maftūḥ)

**CLOSED** مغلق (mughlaq)

**ENTRANCE** دخول (dukhūl)

**EXIT** خروج (kharūj)

**PUSH** ادفع (idfa`)

**PULL** اسحب (ishab)

**TOILET** حمام (ḥammām)

**MEN** رجال (rijāl)

**WOMEN** سيدات (sayyidāt)

**FORBIDDEN** ممنوع (mamnū`)

### Hello (*informal*)

مرحبا. marḥaban

### Peace be with you. (*formal*)

السلام عليكم as-salāmu `alaykum

### How are you?

كيف حالك؟

kaif(a) ḥālak? *male singular*

kaif(a) ḥālik? *female singular*

كيف حالكم kaif(a) ḥālkum *plural*

### Please.

من فضلك. min faḍlak *male*; min faḍlik *female*

### Thank you .very much.

شكرا جزيلا shukran .jazīlan.

### Yes.

نعم na`am; ايوا aywa, ēwa (colloquial)

### No.

لا lā

### Maybe.

ممکن mumkin.

### Excuse me.

إسْمَلِي ismaḥli

### Good morning.

صباح الخير sabāḥ el-khair

**Good evening.**

مساء الخير masā' el-khair

**good**

جيد jayyid.

**very good**

جيد جدا jayyid jiddan.

**Never mind.**

ليس مهم Lays muhim.

**None, nothing**

ما في mā fi; مافيش mafish.

**Hello. (informal)**

أهلا ahlan

**Fine, thank you.**

بخير، شكرا bi-khair shukran

**What is your name?**

ما اسمك mā ismak?; شو اسمك shū ismak (Levantine);

اسمك ايه esmak ēh (Egyptian)

ismak? to a male

ismik? to a female

**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ .**

اسمي ismi \_\_\_\_\_

**Nice to meet you.**

تشاررافنا tasharrafna lit. "You honor us"

**You're welcome.**

عفوا `afwan

**Excuse me. (getting attention)**

لو سمحت law samaħt

**I'm sorry.**

انا اسفه / انا اسف

ana āsif male

ana āsifa female

**Goodbye**

مع السلامة ma`a as-salāma

**Goodbye (informal)**

باي باي bāy bāy

**I can't speak Arabic .well.**

لا اتكلم عربي جيدا Lā atakallam `arabi .jayyidan

**Do you speak English?**

هل تتكلم الانجليزية? hal

tatakallam el-ingliziyya?

**Is there someone here who speaks English?**

حد بيتكلم انجليزي? had beyetkallam

ingilīzi? (Egyptian); حدن بيحكي انجليزي hadan byiħki

ingilīzi (Levantine)

**Help!**

النجدة an-naġda!; إلحقوني ilħa'ūni

**Look out!**

انتبه intibih

**Good night.**

تصبح على خير tisbaħ `ala khair

Good night (in response) : وانت من اهل الخير wa-anta min ahl el-khair

**I don't understand.**

لا افهم lā afham

**Where is the toilet?**

وين/فين الحمام? ayn/fēn el-ħammām?

**Problems.****Leave me alone.**

Leave me alone. (M) اتركني (F) اتركيني

utrukni (M)- utrukīni (F)

**Don't touch me!**

لا تلمسني (lā tilmisni)

**I'll call the police.**

سأتصل بالشرطة. (sa attasil bil-shurħa)

**Police!**

راح اتصل بالشرطة (راح اتصل بالشرطة); (□□□□□, □□□□□□)

(rāħ attasil bil-shurħa) (Levantine); هتصل بالبوليس

(hattasil bel-bulīs) (Egyptian)

**Stop! Thief!**

اوقف! احرامي! (ūw'af, o'af ħarāmi!)

**I need your help.**

محتاج مساعدة لو سمحت (miħtāj musā`da law samaħt)

**Medical emergency**

طوارئ (ħawāre') إسعاف (is `āf); other emergencies:

**I'm lost.**

أنا تايه (tāyeh) (M); أنا تايهة (ana tāyha) (F)

**I lost my bag.**

I lost my bag. (□□□□□□ □□□□ □□□)

Laqad faqadtu ħaqībati

**I lost my wallet.**

I lost my wallet. (□□□□□□ □□□□ □□□)Laqad

faqadtu maħafazati

**I'm sick.**

I'm sick. (□□□□ □□□ (M) OR □□□□□ □□□

(F))Ana marīħ (m) Or Ana marīħa (f)

**I've been injured.**

I've been injured. (Innani Musabun) انني مصاب

**I need a doctor.**

I need a doctor. (□□□□□ □□□□□)

aħtāj doktōr.

**Can I use your phone?**

Can I use your phone? (□□□□□□ □□□□ □□

□□□□□□□□)hal mumkin astakħdim at-telefōn?

**Numbers.**

Hindo-Arabic numerals

٠	0
١	1
٢	2
٣	3
٤	4
٥	5
٦	6
٧	7
٨	8
٩	9

0	صفر sifr
1	واحد wāḥid
2	إثنان ithnān
3	ثلاثة thalātha
4	اربعة arba`a
5	خمسة khamsa
6	سنة sitta
7	سبعة sab`a
8	ثمانية thamāniya
9	تسعة tis`a
10	عشرة `ashara
11	احد عشر aḥad `ashar
12	اثنا عشر ithnā `ashar
13	ثلاثة عشر thalāthata `ashar
14	اربعة عشر arba`ata `ashar

15	خمسعة عشر khamsata `ashar
16	سنة عشر sittata `ashar
17	سبعة عشر sab`ata `ashar
18	ثمانية عشر thamāniyata `ashar
19	تسعة عشر tis'ata `ashar
20	عشرون ishrūn
21	واحد وعشرون wāḥid wa-`ashrūn
22	اثنان وعشرون ithnān wa-`ashrūn
23	ثلاثة وعشرون thalātha wa-`ashrūn
30	ثلاثون thalathūn
40	اربعون arba`ūn
50	خمسون khamsūn
60	ستون sittūn
70	سبعون sab`ūn
80	ثمانون thamanūn
90	تسعون tis`ūn
100	مئة mi'a
200	مئتين mitayn
300	ثلاث مئة thalāth mi'a
1,000	الف alf (as in The Thousand and One Nights - ألف ليلة وليلة Alf Layla wa Layla)
2,000	الفين alfayn
1,000,000	مليون milyōn
1,00,000,000	مليار milyōn, bilyōn
1,000,000,000,000	تريليون tirilyōn
number _____	(train, bus, etc.)
	رقم / Raqam (...)
half	نصف nisf
less	

more  
أقل aqal  
أكثر akthar

## Transportation..

### Directions..

#### Go

ذهب dhahaba

#### Stop

وقف Waqif

#### Turn left

لف يسار Lif Yasser

#### Turn right

لف يمين Lif Yameen

#### straight ahead

إلى الامام il al-amām; على طول `ala tūl (Egyptian);  
دغري (Jordan/Egyptian)

#### slowly

ببطء bi-but'; شوي شوي shway shway (Levantine)

#### Wait or stay

انتظر (intadhir)

#### Show me.

أرني (arini); وريني warrīni (Egyptian)

#### here

هنا huna

#### there

هناك hunāk

#### before

قبل qabl

#### after

بعد ba`d

#### now

الآن al'ān

#### from

من min

#### to or at (a place)

إلى ilā

#### Wait one minute.

انتظر دقيقة واحدة intadhir daqīqa wāhida.

## Pronouns..

### I

انا ana

### you (m)

أنتَ anta; enta~inta (colloquial)

### you (f)

أنتِ anti; enti~inti, inī (colloquial)

### he

هو huwa; huwwa~huwwe, hū (colloquial)

### she

هي hiya; hiyya~hiyye, hī (colloquial)

### we

نحن naḥnu; احنا, نحننا (eḥna, niḥna) (colloquial)

### you (two people)

أنتما antumā (rarely used out of the most formal Literary Arabic)

### you (m/mixed)

أنتم antum; intu(m) (colloquial)

you (f) : □□□□ antunna (rarely used out of the most formal Literary Arabic)

they (two people) : □□□ huma (rarely used out of the most formal Literary Arabic)

### they (m/mixed)

هم hum, humma

### they (f)

هن hunna (rarely used out of the most formal Literary Arabic)

## Asking questions..

### Who?

من man

### What?

ماذا/ما mā/mādha

### When?

متى mata

### Where?

اين ayn

### Why?

لماذا limādha

### How much?

بكم bi-kam

### How much is this?

هذا bi-kam hādha

### Where are you from?

من أين أنت min ayn anta

### Understand?

مفهوم؟ mafhūm

### Do you speak English?

هل تتكلم الإنجليزية؟ hal tatakallam el-ingliziyya?

### What is this?

ما هذا؟ mā hādha?

## Useful "I"'s..

### want

أريد urīd

### I don't want

لا أريد Lā urīd

### I have

عندي `andi / لدي lī / laday

### I don't have

ليس عندي lays `andi

### I don't understand

أنا لا أفهم ana lā afham / أنا مش فاهم ana mesh fāhem (Egyptian)

### I work at the \_\_\_\_\_.

أعمل في \_\_\_\_\_ / ana bashtaghel fi \_\_\_\_\_ (Egyptian)

### I don't speak Arabic

لا أتكلم العربية lā atakallam el-`arabiyya / mā biḥki `arabi ما باحكي عربي (Levantine) / ma batkallemsḥ `arabi ما بتكلّمش عربي (Egyptian)

## Things..

### money

مال fulūs, māl

### coffee

قهوة qahwa

### sugar

سكر sukkar

### salt

ملح malḥ

### car

سيارة sayyāra

### hotel

فندق funduq / اونتل otēl

### water

ماء mā'

### tea

شاي shay

### milk

حليب ḥalīb

### work

شغل shughl

### airplane

طائرة tā'ira

### street

شارع shāri'

## Time..

### now

الآن (al'ān)

### later

لاحقاً (Lāhgan)

### before

قبل (qabla)

### morning

صباح (ṣabāḥ)

### afternoon

بعد ظهر (ba`ada zuhur)

### evening

مساء (masā')

### night

ليلة (layla)

### Clock time..

#### one o'clock AM

one o'clock AM (sa'ati waḥad)

#### two o'clock AM

two o'clock AM (sa'ati ithnayn)

#### noon

noon (zuhr)

#### one o'clock PM

one o'clock PM (...)

#### two o'clock PM

two o'clock PM (...)

#### midnight

نصف الليل, منتصف الليلة (muntasf el-laila, nass el-lēl)

### Duration..

#### \_\_\_\_\_ minute(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ دقيقة (daqīqa (daqā'iq))

#### hour(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ ساعة (sā'a (sā`āt))

#### \_\_\_\_\_ day(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ يوم (yom (ayyām))

#### \_\_\_\_\_ week(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ أسبوع (usbū` (asābī`))

#### \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ month(s) (shahr (shuhūr))

#### \_\_\_\_\_ year(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ سنة (sana (sanawāt))

### Days..

#### today

اليوم (el-yaum)

#### yesterday

أمس (ams)

#### tomorrow

غداً (ghadan)

#### this week

الأسبوع (el-'usbū`)

#### last week

الأسبوع الماضي (el-'usbū` el-māḏi)

#### next week

الأسبوع القادم (*el-'usbu` el-qādim*)

## Days of the week..

### Sunday

يوم الأحد (*(yaum) el'ahad*)

### Monday

يوم الاثنين (*(yaum) el-ithnayn*)

### Tuesday

يوم الثلاثاء (*(yaum) eth-thulātha*)

### Wednesday

يوم الأربعاء (*(yaum) el'arbi`a'*)

### Thursday

يوم الخميس (*(yaum) el-khamīs*)

### Friday

يوم الجمعة (*(yaum) el-jum`a*)

### Saturday

يوم السبت (*(yaum) es-sabt*)

## Months..

### January

يناير, كانون الثاني (*kānūn eth-thāni, yanāyir*)

### February

فبراير, شباط (*shbat, fibrāyir*)

### March

مارس, آذار (*ādhār, māris*)

### April

ابريل, نيسان (*nāsan, abrīl*)

### May

مايو, أيار (*ayār, māyu*)

### June

يونيو, حزيران (*ḥzayrān, yunyu*)

### July

يوليو, تموز (*tammūz, yulyu*)

### August

أغسطس, آب (*āb, oghostos*)

### September

سبتمبر, أيلول (*aylūl, sebtambir*)

### October

أكتوبر, تشرين الأول (*tishrīn el-awwal, oktōbar*)

### November

نوفمبر, تشرين الثاني (*tishrīn eth-thani, novambir*)

### December

ديسمبر, كانون الأول (*kānūn el-awwal, dīsambir*)

## Writing time and date

Even though Arabic is written from Right to Left, numbers in Arabic are written from Left to Right. Dates are written in an Arabic sentence from Left to Right as in English

## Colors..

### black

أسود (*aswad*)

### white

أبيض (*abyaḥḍ*)

### gray

رمادي (*ramādi*)

### red

أحمر (*aḥmar*)

### blue

أزرق (*azraq*)

### yellow

أصفر (*aṣfar*)

### green

أخضر (*akhḍar*)

### orange

برتقالي (*burtuqāli*)

### purple

بنفسجي (*banafsaji*)

### brown

بني (*bunni*)

## Transportation..

### Bus and train..

How much is a ticket to \_\_\_\_\_?

*adash tazkara ila \_\_\_\_\_? Bekam tazkara ila.....?*

One ticket to \_\_\_\_\_, please.

*tazkara wahida ila \_\_\_ law samaht*

Where does this train/bus go?

*el-qitār/bās hādha biyruḥ ilā wain? ila ayn yadhhab hādha el-qitār/otobīs?*

Where is the train/bus to \_\_\_\_\_?

*wein el-qitar/el-bus ila \_\_\_?*

Does this train/bus stop in \_\_\_\_\_?

*hal biwa'ef hazal qitar/bus fi \_\_\_?*

When does the train/bus for \_\_\_\_\_ leave?

*emta btatla el-qitar/el-bus ila \_\_\_?*

When will this train/bus arrive in \_\_\_\_\_?

*'emta byusil hazal qitar/bus fi \_\_\_?*

### Directions..

How do I get to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

How do I get to \_\_\_\_\_ ? (*kayf bawsal la \_\_\_*)

...the train station?

...the train station? (*mahatet il qitar?*)

...the bus station?

...the bus station? (*mawqif il bassat?*)

**...the airport?**  
...المطار (*el-matar?*)

**...downtown?**  
...downtown? (*west il balad?*)

**...the youth hostel?**  
...the youth hostel? (*bayt ash-shabab*)

**...the \_\_\_\_\_ hotel?**  
...the \_\_\_\_\_ hotel? (*otel?/ Al Fonduk*)

**...the American/Canadian/Australian/British consulate?**  
...the American/Canadian/Australian/British consulate? (*sefara Al Amrikiya, Canadeia, ostralia, beritania*)

**Where are there a lot of...**  
Where are there a lot of... (*Wein fi kteer...*)

**...hotels?**  
...hotels? (*otelat/ Fanadek*)

**...restaurants?**  
...restaurants? (*mata'em*)

**...bars?**  
...bars? (*bars*)

**...sites to see?**  
...sites to see? (*amaken seyaheyeh?*)

**Can you show me on the map?**  
Can you show me on the map? (*momken tfarjeeni ala al khareeta?*)

**street**  
شارع (*shari`*)

**Turn left.**  
لف يسار (*lif yasār*)

**Turn right.**  
لف يمين (*lif yamīn*)

**left**  
يسار (*yasār*)

**right**  
يمين (*yameen*)

**straight ahead**  
على طول (*ala ḥūl*)

**towards the \_\_\_\_\_**  
towards the \_\_\_\_\_ (*bijehet il*)

**past the \_\_\_\_\_**  
past the \_\_\_\_\_ (*baed il*)

**before the \_\_\_\_\_**  
before the \_\_\_\_\_ (*abel il*)

**Watch for the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
Watch for the \_\_\_\_\_. (*intibeh la*)

**intersection**  
intersection (*taqato*)

**north**  
شمال (*shamāl*)

**south**  
جنوب (*janūb*)

**east**

شرق (*sharq*)

**west**  
غرب (*gharb*)

**uphill**  
uphill (*talā*)

**downhill**  
downhill (*nazleh*)

**Taxi..**  
**Taxi!**  
تاكسي! (*taxi!*) sayyāra

**Take me to \_\_\_\_\_, please.**  
Take me to \_\_\_\_\_, please. (*khudni li-....., law samaht*)

**How much does it cost to get to \_\_\_\_\_?**  
How much does it cost to  
get to \_\_\_\_\_? (*adeish?/ bekam azdhab ila.....*)

**Take me there, please.**  
Take me there, please. (*khudni `ala \_\_, law samaht*)

**Lodging..**  
**Do you have any rooms available?**  
Do you have any rooms available? (*endkom ghoraf(alternatively- owad) edafeyeh?*)

**How much is a room for one person/two people?**  
How much is a room for one person/two people?  
(*adeish il ghorfeh li shakhs/shakhsein?*)

**Does the room come with...**  
Does the room come with... (*il ghorfeh btīji ma...*)

**...bedsheets?**  
...ملايات, شراشف (*sharāshaf, melāyāt*)

**...a bathroom?**  
حمام... (*ḥammām?*)

**...a telephone?**  
تليفون... (*telefōn?*)

**...a TV?**  
تلفزيون... (*televizyōn?*)

**May I see the room first?**  
May I see the room first? (*Baqdar ashoof il ghorfeh abel?*)

**Do you have anything quieter?**  
Do you have anything quieter? (*Fi eshi ahda?.*)

**...bigger?**  
...bigger? (*akbar?*)

**...cleaner?**  
...cleaner? (*andaf?*)

**...cheaper?**



...cheaper? (*arkhas?*)

**OK, I'll take it.**

OK, I'll take it. (*OK, bakhodha*)

**I will stay for \_\_\_\_\_ night(s).**

I will stay for \_\_\_\_\_ night(s). (*Rah aba'a kaman  
\_\_\_ yom*)

**Can you suggest another hotel?**

Can you suggest another hotel? (')

**Do you have a safe?**

Do you have a safe? (*fi khazneh?*)

**...lockers?**

...lockers? (...)

**Is breakfast/supper included?**

Is breakfast/supper included? (')

**What time is breakfast/supper?**

What time is breakfast/supper? (*ay sei-a il  
ftoor/asha?*)

**Please clean my room.**

Please clean my room. (*momken tanadef il ghorfeh*)

**Can you wake me at sds \_\_\_\_\_? | Can you wake me at  
\_\_\_\_\_? (*momken tfaye'ni al \_\_\_*)**

**I want to check out.**

I want to check out. (*beddi ashoofha*)

## Money.:

**Do you accept American/Australian/Canadian dollars?**

هل تقبل الدولار الأمريكي/الأسترالي/الكندية؟ (*hal taqbal el-  
dolār el-am(e)rīki/ost(o)rāli/kanadi?*)

**Do you accept British pounds?**

هل تقبل الجنيه الاسترليني؟ (*hal taqbal el-jinē el-  
esterlīni?*)

**Do you accept cr. cards?**

هل تقبل الكريدت كارد؟ (*hal taqbal el-k(e)r. kārd?*)

**Can you change money for me?**

Can you change money for me? (*Momken tsarefli  
masari?*)

**Where can I get money changed?**

Where can I get money changed? (*Wein badar  
asaref masari?*)

**Can you change a traveler's check for me?**

Can you change a traveler's check for me? (...)

**Where can I get a traveler's check changed?**

Where can I get a traveler's check changed? (...)

**What is the exchange rate?**

What is the exchange rate? (...)

**Where is an automatic teller machine (ATM)?**

فين فيه ايه تي ام؟ (*wein fī ē tī em?*) (Levantine);  
فين ألافى ايه تي ام؟ (*fēn ala'i ē tī em?*) (Egyptian)

## Eating.:

**A table for one person/two people, please.**

A table for one person/two people, please. (*#awla la  
wahed/tenein*)

**Can I look at the menu, please?**

Can I look at the menu, please? (*Momken ashoof il  
menu?*)

**Can I look in the kitchen?**

Can I look in the kitchen? (*Mumken ashuf il  
matbakh?*)

**Is there a house specialty?**

Is there a house specialty? (...)

**Is there a local specialty?**

Is there a local specialty? (...)

**I'm a vegetarian.**

I'm a vegetarian. (*Ana nabati*)

**I don't eat pork.**

I don't eat pork. (*Ma bakol lahem khanzeer*)

**I don't eat beef.**

I don't eat beef. (*Ma bakol lahmeh*)

**I only eat Halal food.**

I only eat Halal food. (*Bas bakol akel hallal*)

**Can you make it "lite", please? (*less oil/butter/lard*)**

Can you make it "lite", please? (*khaleeha khafeefeh*)

**fixed-price meal**

fixed-price meal (...)

**à la carte**

à la carte (*à la carte*)

**breakfast**

breakfast (*ftoor*) al iftar

**lunch**

lunch (...) al ghada

**tea (*meal*)**

tea (...) shay'

**supper**

supper (...) al isha'

**I want \_\_\_\_\_.**

أريد \_\_\_\_\_ (*urīd*)

**I want a dish containing \_\_\_\_\_.**

I want a dish containing \_\_\_\_\_. (...)

**chicken**

دجاج (*dajāj, firākh*)

**beef**

بقر (*baqar*)

**fish**

سمك (*samak*)

**ham**

خنزير (*khanzīr*)

**sausage**

سوسيس (*sōsīs*)

**cheese**

جبنة (*jubneh*)

**eggs**

بيض (*baid*)

**salad**

سلطة (*salata*)

**(fresh) vegetables**

(fresh) vegetables (...) (fresh) khudrawat

**(fresh) fruit**

(fresh) fruit (*fawakeh*) (fresh) fawakat

**bread**

bread (...) ayish OR khubz

**toast**

toast (...)

**macaroni**

مكروننة (*makarōna*)

**rice**

أرز (*roz*)

**beans**

فول (*fūl*)

**May I have a glass of \_\_\_\_\_?**

May I have a glass of \_\_\_\_\_? (*momken kās(et)*\_\_\_)

**May I have a cup of \_\_\_\_\_?**

May I have a cup of \_\_\_\_\_? (*momken finjan* \_\_\_)

**May I have a bottle of \_\_\_\_\_?**

May I have a bottle of \_\_\_\_\_? (...)

**coffee**

قهوة (*qahwa*)

**tea (drink)**

شاي (*shay'*)

**juice**

عصير (*ʿasīr*)

**(bubbly) water**

مياه غازية (*miyāh ghāziyya*)

**water**

ماء, ماية, ماي (*may(ya), mā'*)

**beer**

بيرة (*bīra*)

**red/white wine**

red/white wine (*nabīd, nibīt aḥmar/abyaḥ*)

**May I have some \_\_\_\_\_?**

May I have some \_\_\_\_\_? (*momken* \_\_\_?)

**salt**

ملح (*malḥ*)

**black pepper**

فلفل أسود (*filfil aswad*)

**butter**

زبدة (*zibda*)

**Excuse me, waiter? (getting attention of server)**

Excuse me, waiter? (...)garcoon

**I'm finished.**

I'm finished. (*khalast*) galaste

**It was delicious.**

كان لذيذ. (*kān ladhīdh*)

**Please clear the plates.**

Please clear the plates. (...)

**The check, please.**

The check, please. (...)Leh'seb min fadlak

**Bars..**

**Do you serve alcohol?**

Do you serve alcohol? (*fī kohool?*)

**Is there table service?**

Is there table service? (...)

**A beer/two beers, please.**

A beer/two beers, please. (*bīra*)

**A glass of red/white wine, please.**

A glass of red/white wine, please. (*kaset nbeed*)

**A pint, please.**

A pint, please. (...)

**A bottle, please.**

A bottle, please. (*aneeneh*)

\_\_\_\_\_ (*hard liquor*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*mixer*), please.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, please. (...)

**whiskey**

whiskey (...)

**vodka**

vodka (...)

**rum**

rum (...)

**water**

ماء (*mā'*)

**club soda**

club soda (*soda*)

**tonic water**

tonic water (...)

**orange juice**

orange juice (*aseer bortoqal*)

**Coke (soda)**

Coke (*cola*)

**Do you have any bar snacks?**

Do you have any bar snacks? (...)

**One more, please.**

One more, please. (*kaman wahed*)

**Another round, please.**

Another round, please. (*kaman wahed*)

**When is closing time?**

When is closing time? (*emta bitsakro?*)

## Shopping.

### Do you have this in my size?

Do you have this in my size? (*fi maqas?*)

### How much is this?

بكم هذا؟ (*bikam hatha*)

### That's too expensive.

that's too expensive. (...) "ghali katheer!"

### Would you take \_\_\_\_\_?

Would you take \_\_\_\_\_? (...)

### expensive

غالي (*ghali*)

### cheap

رخيص (*rakhees*)

### I can't afford it.

I can't afford it. (...)

### I don't want it.

I don't want it. (*ma beddi*)

### You're cheating me.

You're cheating me. (*harami*)

### I'm not interested.

I'm not interested. (*lust muhtam*)

### OK, I'll take it.

OK, I'll take it. (*ok*)

### Can I have a bag?

Can I have a bag? (*urīo kīs*)

### Do you ship (overseas)?

Do you ship (overseas)? (...)

### I need...

I need... (...) *ahtāj*

### ...toothpaste.

...toothpaste. (*ma`jūn asnān*)

### ...a toothbrush.

...a toothbrush. (*forshāt asnān*)

### ...tampons.

...tampons. (*always*)

### ...soap.

...soap. (*saboon*)

### ...shampoo.

...shampoo. (*shambū*)

### ...pain reliever. (e.g., aspirin or ibuprofen)

...pain reliever. (*mussakin*)

### ...cold medicine.

...cold medicine. (*dawa rash-h*)

### ...stomach medicine.

...stomach medicine. (*dawa baten*)

### ...a razor.

...a razor. (*shafra*)

### ...an umbrella.

...an umbrella. (*shamseyeh*)

### ...sunblock lotion.

...sunblock lotion. (...)

### ...a postcard.

...بطاقة بريدية (*bitaqa bareedia*)

### ...postage stamps.

...postage stamps. (*tawabe' bareed*)

### ...batteries.

...batteries. (*batareyat*)

### ...writing paper.

...ورق للكتابة (*waraq lil-kitaba*)

### ...a pen.

...قلم (*qalam*)

### ...English-language books.

...كتب إنجليزية (*kutub ingliziya*)

### ...English-language magazines.

...مجلات انكليزية English-language magazines.  
(*majalat engiliziya*)

### ...an English-language newspaper.

...جرائد إنجليزية (*jara'id ingliziya*)

### ...an English-English dictionary.

...an English-English dictionary. (*qāmūs ingilizi-  
ingilizi*)

## Driving.

### I want to rent a car.

أريد استئجار سيارة (*urīd isti'jār sayyāra*)

### Can I get insurance?

هل أستطيع الحصول على تأمين؟ (*hal astaṭī` al-ḥusūl `ala  
ta'mīn?*)

### stop (on a street sign)

قف (*qif*)

### one way

اتجاه واحد (*ittjāh wāḥid*)

### yield

(*atti alaolwyeh(?)*)

### no parking

ممنوع الاسطاف (*mamnū` al-istifāf*)

### speed limit

السرعة القصوى (*as-sur`a al-qānūniyya*)

### gas/petrol station

محطة بنزين (*maḥattat banzīn*)

### petrol (gasoline)

بنزين (*banzīn*)

### diesel

جاز, سولار, ديزل (*dāzel, sōlār, gāz*)

## Authority.

### I haven't done anything wrong.

ما عملت اشي غلط (ma `emelet eshi ghalat) (Jordanian);

ما عملتتش حاجة غلط (ma `amaltesh hāga ghalat)

(Egyptian)

**It was a misunderstanding.**

كان سوء تفاهم (kān sū' tafāhom)

**Where are you taking me?**

وين/فين أخذني (wein/fēn akhedni?)

**Am I under arrest?**

هل أنا معتقل؟ (hal ana mo`taqal?)

**I am an American/Australian/British/Canadian citizen.**

I am an American/Australian/British/Canadian citizen. (Ana Americi/Anglizi/Kanadi)

**I want to talk to the American/Australian/British/Canadian embassy/consulate.**

I need to talk to the American/Australian/British/Canadian embassy/consulate. (AhTAJ an atkalim ma'a al-Safeera al-Amrikiya/Australiya/Britaniya/Kanadiya.)

**I need to talk to a lawyer.**

محتاج أحكي مع محامي (mehtāj ahki ma`a mohāmi )

**Can I just pay a fine now?**

أقدر أدفع غرامة الآن؟ (aqdar adfa` gharāma al'ān?)