



International  
House  
London

# Arabic Language Course Syllabus



# Beginner

## Level 1

Topics: Alphabets, greetings, question words, meeting people for the first time, making introductions, immediate family, introducing family members, jobs, talking about family occupations.

Grammar: Present simple, long and short vowels, masculine and feminine distinction, case endings, nominative case, definite and indefinite.

Cultural Exposure: Jordanian Royal Family.

## Level 2

Topics: Asking questions, asking for places, describing your city, talking about capital cities vs. towns, countries and nationalities, numbers and counting, asking how many and how much, buying and selling.

Grammar: (Introducing action verbs) يَدْنَع after introducing family/ negation in the present tense form, sun and moon letters, genitive case, spelling rules for Hamza, Idafa (the possessive form), the dual form.

Cultural Exposure: A tour of the Arab World on the map.

# Low Elementary

## Level 3

Topics: Eating and drinking, talking about ethnic foods and favourite cuisines, talking with the waiter, communicative phrases at the restaurant, talking about yesterday, questions with what.

Grammar: Group words, the past tense, plural and joint cases.

Cultural Exposure: Real or virtual tour to an Arabic restaurant.

## Level 4

Topics: The weather, describing the weather, trips and adventures, writing postcards, holidays, talking about going on school trips, camping, planning a holiday with family,

Grammar: Future tense, verbs in the plural.

Cultural Exposure: A tour in Marrakesh.



# Mid Elementary

## Level 5

Topics: The time and everyday routine, making comparisons, biggest things in the world, days of the week, comparing the past and the present.

Grammar: Negative statements, pronouns and demonstratives, superlative.

Cultural Exposure: The World's Wonders.

## Level 6

Topics: Education and business, at school and at university, talking about school subjects and making comparisons, future plans, months of the year.

Grammar: Past negation and future negation, word order verbs, more about Idafa.

Cultural Exposure: Doing business in Dubai.



# High Elementary

## Level 7

Topics Part 1: Talking about yourself and others, asking others, talking about nationality, Greetings, my family and friends. Describing character, talking about childhood experiences.

Grammar: Review of pronouns and the past tense.

Cultural Exposure: A look at Egypt.

Topics Part 2: House and home, talking about rooms, describing the house, renting a room, the concept of shared houses (+ vocabulary).

Grammar: The plurals and adjectives.

Cultural Exposure: A look at Saudi Arabia.

## Level 8

Topics Part 1: Work and routine, talking about work, a typical day at work (issues and challenges), writing a resume and applying for jobs.

Grammar: Review of the present form.

Cultural Exposure: A look at Syria.

Topics Part 2: Sports and leisure, talking about sports and outside activities, talking about preferences and making comparisons, free time activities and going out.

Grammar: Verbal nouns and participles.

Cultural Exposure: A look at Morocco.



# Pre-Intermediate

## Level 9

Topics Part 1: Travel and tourism, around town, means of transportation, travel in the Arab world and outside of the Arab region, writing a blog about travel and talking about good and bad experiences with travel.

Grammar: Past verbs.

Cultural Exposure: A look at Tunisia.

Topics Part 2: Food and cooking, talking about food, at the supermarket and weekend markets. Talking about measures and how the Arabic system differs from the UK, learning how to reserve a table and etiquette at the restaurant.

Grammar: Forms of verbs.

Cultural Exposure: The month of Ramadan and a look at Lebanon.

## Level 10

Topics Part 1: Clothes and colours, talking about clothes and fashion, describing an outfit, at the clothes shop, watching a fashion show and writing a review about the styles and opinions.

Grammar: Doubled verbs and negation.

Cultural Exposure: Students are exposed to different regional traditional outfits for men and women, wedding dresses and cultural events. A look at Iraq.

Topics Part 2: Education and training, school and university, vocational education in the Arab world and most popular crafts, taking an exam and talking about best and worst experiences with exams at school.

Grammar: Weak verbs and imperative form (giving and receiving instructions).

Cultural Exposure: Education system in the Arab world. Look at Algeria.

## Level 11

Topics: News and media, talking about the news, broadcasting, social media, formal Arabic in the media, political speech, political debates, talking about war and conflict.

Grammar: Media related structures.

Cultural Exposure: A look at the Gulf region and Yemen.

## Level 12

Topics: Climate and the environment, talking about weather and climate, climate change, environmental challenges, talking about recycling in the world, the oil industry and its future.

Grammar: The future tense.

Cultural Exposure: When was oil discovered in Libya and how did it change life in the country. A look at Libya.



## Low-Intermediate

### Level 13

Topics: Health and happiness, the human body (parts and organs), talking about health and illnesses, at the pharmacy, at the doctor's, making an appointment, emergencies, first aid.

Grammar: Telling a story in sequence (logical manner).

Cultural Exposure: Traditional Arabic medicine, popular painkiller brands in the Arab world. A look at Sudan.

### Level 14

Topics: Arts and cinema, talking about culture, film genres, Egyptian comedies, Arab celebrities, black and white movies, the Golden era, Syrian soap operas, domesticated Turkish series and the cultural impact.

Grammar: Criticism and debate.

Cultural Exposure: Watch one of the following movies and write a review about it: The Lion of the Desert, The Message or Duty.

### Level 15

Topics: Social ties in the Arab world, the family and the tribe, marriage rituals and arrangements, special occasions greetings and response, religion and culture, invitation etiquette to special social occasions, state marriage regulations, marrying from outside the culture and religion.

Grammar: Collective nouns.

Cultural Exposure: The modern wedding in the Arab world.

### Level 16

Reinforcement to grammar rules and uses.