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In-Flight

**ARABIC**

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**BOARDING PASS**

# Pronunciation Guide

The Roman (English) alphabet is used to represent Arabic sounds in this insert. The guide below will give you a general idea of Arabic pronunciation. But keep in mind that the best way to learn correct Arabic pronunciation is to listen to the native speakers on the accompanying recording.

## Vowels

<b>a</b>	<i>a</i> as in <i>absent</i>	min fadlak
<b>e</b>	<i>e</i> as in <i>bet</i>	esmi
<b>ee</b>	<i>ee</i> as in <i>weed</i>	saaeed
<b>i</b>	<i>i</i> as in <i>bit</i>	bint
<b>u</b>	<i>oo</i> as in <i>roof</i>	zur
<b>ay</b>	<i>i</i> as in <i>site</i>	laylan
<b>aa, ii, oo</b>	A vowel <i>a</i> , <i>i</i> , or <i>o</i> preceded by an <i>r</i> -type sound pronounced deep in the throat.	aafwan

## Consonants

Many Arabic consonants have sounds equivalent to English consonants. Those Arabic sounds that are unique are written in this program as follows:

<b>'</b>	A glottal stop; basically occurs in the middle or at the end of a word. ' is equivalent to the sound produced at the beginning of English <i>uh-oh</i>	masa'an
<b>th</b>	Unvoiced <i>th</i> as in <i>three</i>	thalatha
<b>j</b>	<i>s</i> as in <i>pleasure</i> in most Arab countries; or, soft <i>g</i> as in <i>gender</i> in Jordan and the Gulf states; or, hard <i>g</i> as in <i>good</i> in Egyptian Arabic	jameel
<b>kh</b>	<i>ch</i> as in <i>Bach</i>	khamseen

<b>q</b>	Pronounced by producing the <i>k</i> sound as far down in the throat as possible	sooq
<b>z</b>	<i>th</i> as in <i>other</i>	azeem
<b>gh</b>	Similar to French <i>r</i> ; <i>r</i> pronounced far down in the throat	ghadan

### A note on male/female endings

In Arabic, some word endings change depending on whether a male or female is speaking. Some endings will change depending on whether a male or female is being spoken to. In this insert, these variations will be noted by an **(m)** or an **(f)** behind either phrase.

**Ahlan!** Welcome to Living Language In-Flight Arabic. This short and simple program is designed to give you just enough of the basics that you'll need to get by in Arabic. Just listen to the native speakers of Arabic and repeat in the pauses. Once you've completed the program, you'll be able to speak and understand basic Arabic. Let's get started.

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## Lesson 1: Saying Hello

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**Marhaba!**

Hello!

**Ma esmok?**

What's your name?

**Sabahel kheir!**

Good morning!

**Esmi Ahmad.**

My name is Mr. Ahmad.

**Youm saaeed!**

Good day!

**Esmi Amina.**

My name is Mrs. Amina.

**Masa'el kheir!**

Good evening!

**Saaeedon bi liqa'oka.**

It's nice to meet you.

**Keif halaka? (m) / Kaifa**

**haloukee? (f)**

How are you?

**Maa al salama.**

Good-bye.

**Bikheir.**

Fine.

**Araka lahiqan.**

See you later.

**Jayyed jeddan.**

Very well.

**Araka qariban.**

See you soon.

**La ba's.**

So so.

**Tisbah aala kheir.**

Good night.

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## Lesson 2: Basic Expressions

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**Shokran.**

Thank you.

**Ahlan wa sahlan.**

You're welcome.

**Shokran jazilan.**

Thank you very much.

**Raja'an.**

Please.

**Ajal. / Naam.**

Yes.

**Kalla. / La'a.** No.

**Aafwan.**

Excuse me.

**Aafwan. / Oozran.**

Pardon me.

**Ana asef.**

I'm sorry.

**La afham.**

I don't understand.

**Ana la atakallam al aarabiyya.**

I don't speak Arabic.

**Hal tatakallam ingilizi?**

Do you speak English?

**Ana la atakallam al aara-  
biyya jayyidan.**

I don't speak Arabic very well.

**Raja'an takallam bi bot'e.**

Speak slowly, please.

**Aaed, men fadlek.**

Repeat, please.

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## Lesson 3: Numbers

sifr	0	arbaa wa iishreen	24
wahed	1	khamisa wa iishreen	25
ethnan	2	sitta wa iishreen	26
thalatha	3	sabaa wa iishreen	27
arbaa	4	thamaneya wa iishreen	28
khamseh	5	tessaa wa iishreen	29
sitta	6	thalatheen	30
sabaa	7	arbaa'een	40
thamaneya	8	khamseen	50
tesaa	9	sitteen	60
aashara	10	sabaa'een	70
ahada aashar	11	thamaneen	80
ithna aashar	12	tiseen	90
thalathata aashar	13	mi'a	100
arbaata aashar	14	mi'a wa wahid	101
khamsata aashar	15	mi'a wa ethnan	102
sittata aashar	16	mi'a wa thalatha	103
sabaata aashar	17	mi'atain	200
thamaniata aashar	18	thalath mi'a	300
tisaata aashar	19	arbaa mi'a	400
iishreen	20	khomso ma'a	500
wahed wa iishreen	21	alf	1,000
ethnan wa iishreen	22	millyon	1,000,000
thalatha wa iishreen	23		

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## Lesson 4: At the Airport

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**Ayna?**

Where?

**Aynal jamarek?**

Where is customs?

**Ayna maktab el jawazat?**

Where is passport control?

**Hal maaka ayya shay'en tosar-reh aanhou?**

Do you have anything to declare?

**Laysa maaee ayyou shay'ousarriho aanhou.**

I have nothing to declare.

**Maaee shay'on ousarriho aanhou.**

I have something to declare.

**Ayna maktab tahseel al haqa'eb?**

Where is the baggage claim area?

**Ayna makan al rahalat al kharijeyya (or aalalameyya) al moughadira?**

Where are the international departures?

**Aynal wousool?**

Where are the arrivals?

**Aynal bawwaba raqam mi'a ethnan wa thalathoon?**

Where is gate 132?

**Ayna maktabil esteaalamat?**

Where is information?

**Ana ourid...**

I would like...

**Ana ourid meqaad nafitha.**

I would like a window seat.

**Ana ourid meqaad mamarr.**

I would like an aisle seat.

**Hazihi hiya tazkarat al rokoob.**

Here is your boarding pass.

**Rihlaton saaeeda!**

Have a good trip!

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## Lesson 5: Getting Around

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**Ayna sayyaratel ojra?**

Where are the taxis?

**Aynal bas?**

Where is the bus?

**Ayna metro al anfaq?**

Where is the subway?

**Aynal makhraj?**

Where is the exit?

**Raja'an ila hatha al oonwan.**

Take me to this address, please.

**Ma heyal ojra?**

What is the fare?

**Qif houna raja'an.**  
Stop here, please.

**Hal yazhab hazal bas ila shareaa al Hamra'?**  
Does this bus go to Hamra Street?

**Kharita lil madina, raja'an.**  
A map of the city, please.

**Kharitat el metro, raja'an.**  
A subway map, please.

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## Lesson 6: Asking Directions

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**Aafwan, ayna...?**  
Excuse me, where is...?

**Izhab... Go...**

**Izhab ilal amam.**  
Go straight ahead.

**Izhab min hazihil jiha.**  
Go that way.

**Irjaa.**  
Go back.

**Inaatf... Turn...**

**Inaatf yaminan.**  
Turn right.

**Inaatf yasaran.**  
Turn left.

**Dawar.**  
Turn around.

**Fi akheril shareaa.**  
At the end of the street.

**Aalal zaweya.**  
On the corner.

**Awwal shimal.**  
The first left.

**Thanee yameen.**  
The second right.

**Hal hoowa qareeb?**  
Is it near?

**Hal hoowa baaeed?**  
Is it far?

**Ila janeb...**  
Next to...

**daw'el ishara**  
the traffic light

**al shareaa**  
the street

**al taqatoaa**  
the intersection

**al hadeeqa**  
the park

**mawqef el bas**  
the bus stop

**mahattit el metro**  
the subway station

**al fondoq**  
the hotel

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# Lesson 7: At the Hotel

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**Ouridou an ahjez.**  
I'd like to check in.

**Ouridou ghorfa.**  
I'd like a room.

**Li shakhsen wahid.**  
For one person.

**Li shakhsein.**  
For two people.

**Iindi hajz.**  
I have a reservation.

**Kam leila?**  
For how many nights?

**Li leila wahda.**  
For one night.

**Li leiltein.**  
For two nights.

**Li osbooa.**  
For one week.

**Haza moftahouka.**  
Here is your key.

**Haza kart el moftah el elektronee.**  
Here is your keycard.

**Hal iindak ghorfa okhra?**  
Do you have another room?

**Maa hammam khas?**  
With a private bathroom?

**Hal hounaka ghorfa ahda'?**  
Is there a quieter room?

**Hal hounaka ghorfa akbar?**  
Is there a larger room?

**Hal hounaka ghorfa lil riyaada?**  
Is there an exercise room?

**Hal hounaka masbah?**  
Is there a pool?

**Ayna ghorfatil ejtimaat?**  
Where is the conference room?

**Hal hounaka makinat fax?**  
Where is the fax machine?

**Aynal bawwab?**  
Where is the concierge?

**Awaddou an oughader.**  
I'd like to check out.



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# Lesson 8: Making Friends

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**Marhaban, ma esmok?**

Hello, what's your name?

**Hal tasmah an ajles houna?**

May I sit here?

**Ayna taqton? / Ayna taaeesh?**

Where do you live?

**Aaeeshu fi Beirut.**

I live in Beirut.

**Haza sadiqi.**

This is my friend.

**Haza sahibi.**

This is my boyfriend.

**Hazihi sahibati.**

This is my girlfriend.

**Hazihi zawjati.**

This is my wife.

**Haza zawji.**

This is my husband.

**Biladoukom jameelaton jiddan.**

Your country is very beautiful.

**Hal zortal wilayatel mottaheda?**

Have you been to the U.S.?

**Laqad aajabani al taamou  
houna katheeran.**

I like the food here very much.

**Ana fee rehatou aamal.**

I'm on a business trip.

**Ana mousaferon maa aa'ilati.**

I'm traveling with my family.

**Nahnou soowah.**

We are tourists.

**Hal touridou an tazhab ilal  
cinama? (m) / Hal touridina  
an tazhabi ilal cinama? (f)**

Do you like to go to the movies?

**Hal tourida an tarqos? (m) /  
Hal touridina an tarqosi? (f)**

Do you like to dance?

**Hayya nazhab!**

Let's go!

**Hal astateeaa an ouqabil  
sadeeqok?**

Can I meet your (male) friend?

**Hal astateeaa an ouqabil  
sadeeqatouk?**

Can I meet your (female) friend?

**Ma hoowa raqam hatufuk? (m) /  
Ma hoowa raqam hatufuki? (f)**

What is your telephone  
number?

**Arjoo an tazoorenee! (m) /  
Arjoo an tazoorenee! (f)**

Please visit me!

**Laqad amdaytoo waqтан  
jamilan.**

I had a wonderful time.

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# Lesson 9: At the Restaurant

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**Hal hounaka mataamon**

**jayyedan?**

Where is a good restaurant?

**beera**

beer

**Tawila li ethnain, raja'an.**

A table for two, please.

**Hal iindakum tabaqon**

**nabateyyan?**

Do you have a vegetarian dish?

**Tadkheen aw aadam el tad-  
kheen?**

Smoking or non-smoking?

**Haza koll shay'.**

That's all.

**Qa'imat taam, raja'an.**

The menu, please.

**Al fatoora, raja'an.**

The check, please.

**Qa'imatil nabeeth, raja'an.**

The wine list, please.

**Hal el baqsheesh mahsoob?**

Is the tip included?

**mooshahiyat**

appetizers

**el fitar**

breakfast

**al tabaq al asasi**

main course

**ghada'**

lunch

**al helou**

dessert

**aasha'**

dinner

**Ooridou mashrooban.**

I would like something to  
drink.

**Estamtiaa bi taamak! (m) /**

**Estamtiiee bi taamik! (f)**

Enjoy the meal!

**Kubayet ma', raja'an.**

A glass of water, please.

**Fi sahetak! (m) /**

**Fi sahetik! (f)**

To your health!

**Koob shay, raja'an.**

A cup of tea, please.

**Innahou lazeez! (m) /**

**Innaha laziza! (f)**

It's delicious!

**Qahwaton maa el haleeb.**

Coffee with milk.

**sahn**  
plate

**shooka**  
fork

**sikkeen**  
knife

**milaaqa**  
spoon

**iidan**  
chopsticks

**mihrama**  
napkin

**koob**  
cup

**ka's**  
glass

**zoujajat nabeeth**  
bottle of wine

**moukaabat thalj**  
ice cubes

**malh**  
salt

**filfil**  
pepper

**sokkar**  
sugar

**hesa'**  
soup

**salata**  
salad

**khobz**  
bread

**zobda**  
butter

**makarona**  
noodles

**arz**  
rice

**jobna**  
cheese

**khoudar**  
vegetables

**dajaj**  
chicken

**khanzeer**  
pork

**baqar**  
beef

**Ouridou sharihatal lahm  
ghair nadija.**  
I like my steak rare.

**Ourido sharihatal lahm  
nadijatun qalilan.**  
I like my steak medium.

**Ourido sharihatal lahm  
nadija jayyidan.**  
I like my steak well done.

**aaseer**  
juice

**fateera**  
pie

**booza** or "ice cream"  
ice cream

**Wahidon akhar, raja'an (m).** /  
**Wahidaton okhra, raja'an (f).**  
Another please.

**Al mazeed, raja'an.**  
More please.

**Raja'an marrer lee al...**  
Please pass the...

**al har**  
spicy

**al helou**  
sweet

**al hamed**  
sour

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## Lesson 10: Telling Time

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**Kam al waqt?**  
What time is it?

**al zohr**  
noon

**montasafil leil**  
midnight

**Ennahal wahida.**  
It's 1:00.

**Ennahath thania.**  
It's 2:00.

**Ennahath thalithat awanneshf.**  
It's 3:30.

**Ennahar rabiaa.**  
It's 4:00.

**Ennahal khamisa wal kham-  
sataon wal arbaaon.**  
It's 5:45.

**Innahas sabiaa wa thalathat  
daqa'eq.**  
It's 7:03.

**Al film yabda' al saa al  
tesaata wannesf.**  
The movie starts at 9:30.

**Al qitar youghader al saal  
hadiata aashar wa sabaata  
aashar daqa'eq.**  
The train leaves at 11:17.

**al sabah**  
morning

**baadal zohr**  
afternoon

**al masa'**  
evening

**leilan**  
night

**al youm**  
today

**ghadan**  
tomorrow

**al bariha**  
yesterday

**al'an**  
now

**lahiqan**  
later

**halan**  
right away

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## Lesson 11: Money

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**al mal**  
money

**al masraf**  
the bank

**Aynal masraf?**  
Where is the bank?

**Ouridou an oubadila baadal mal.**  
I'd like to change some money.

**Ma houwa mouaadal al tab-deel?**  
What is the exchange rate?

**Ouridou awraq oomla saghira.**  
I would like that in small bills.

**Kam hiya al oomoola?**  
What is the commission?

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## Lesson 12: Shopping

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**Kam houwal thaman?**  
How much does that cost?

**Oktohou, raja'an.**  
Please write that.

**Fee ayy waqt yaftahoul mahall?**  
At what time does the store open?

**Fee ayy waqten yaghleq al mahall?**  
At what time does the store close?

**Maza tourid?**  
What would you like?

**Hal lee an ousaedak?**  
Can I help you?

**Ouridou haza.**  
I would like this.

**Ouridou battareyyat.**  
I would like batteries.

**Ouridou filman lil camera.**  
I would like a roll of film.

**Ouridou kharitatan lil madina.**  
I would like a map of the city.

**Ha houwa. (m) /  
Ha hiya. (f)**  
Here it is.

**Hal haza kollo shay'en?**  
Is that all?

**Ouridou an adfaa naqdan.**  
I'd like to pay with cash.

**Ouridou an adfaa bi bitaqat  
el i'timan.**  
I'd like to pay by credit card.

**Hal astateeaa an atlob haza  
aalal internet?**  
Can I order this on-line?

**mahall tijaree**  
department store

**malabes nisa'eyyah**  
women's clothes

**blooza, tannoura, fostan**  
blouse, skirt, dress

**malabes rijaleyyah**  
men's clothes

**bantalon, qamees, ribat  
al onok**  
pants, shirts, tie

**ahzia wa jawareb**  
shoes and socks

**jeans**  
jeans

**mahall el kotob**  
bookstore

**makhbaz**  
bakery

**supermarket**  
supermarket

**al jazar**  
butcher shop

**sooq**  
market

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## Lesson 13: Staying in Touch

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**hatif**  
telephone

**Ouridou an attasil hat-  
ifeyyan.**  
I have to make a phone call.

**Hal hounaka hatifun  
omoumiyun houna?**  
Is there a public phone here?

**Hal astateeaa an astaamil  
hatifakal mahmool?**  
May I use your cell phone?

**Ma houwal raqam, law samaht?**

What number please?

**Al khatt mashghool.**

The line is busy.

**fax**

fax

**Ouridou an orsila faksan.**

I need to send a fax.

**Hal hounaka faxon lee?**

Is there a fax for me?

**bareed electronee**

e-mail

**Ayna al hasoob?**

Where is the computer?

**Ouridou an arsil risala bil**

**bareed al electronee.**

I need to send an e-mail.

**Hal astateeaa an astaamil al internet?**

Can I get on the Internet?

**Hal iindouka mawqiaa shabakee aalal internet?**

Do you have a Web site?

**Ayna maktabul bareed?**

Where is the post office?

**Ouridou baadal tawabeaa, raja'an.**

I'd like some stamps, please.

**Li risalaton.**

For a letter.

**Li bitaqa baridiyya.**

For a postcard.

**Kam el taarifa al bareedeyya?**

How much is the postage?

**Ilal wilayat al mottaheda.**

To the United States.

**al bareed al jawwee**

airmail

**tawseel fil youm al tali**

overnight mail

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## Lesson 14: At the Train Station

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**Ouridou bitaqatan, raja'an.**

I would like a ticket please.

**Zihab wa aaouda.**

Round-trip.

**Ila Beirut.**

To Beirut.

**Daraja oula aw thania?**

First class or second class?

**Zihaban faqat.**

One way.

**Hal astateeaa al housoul aala jadwal al rahalat?**

May I have a schedule?

**Ayy minassa?**  
Which platform?

**Fi ayy waqt youghader al qitar?**  
When does the train leave?

**Amta yasil al qitar?**  
When does the train arrive?

**Hal al qitarou aalal waqt?**  
Is the train on time?

**Hal hounaka maqtoura lil taam?**  
Is there a dining car?

**Hal hounaka maqtoura lil naoum?**  
Is there a sleeping car?

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## Lesson 15: Getting Help

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**Hal tastateeaa an tou-saaidani?**  
Can you help me?

**Laqad faqadtou haqa'ebi.**  
I've lost my baggage.

**Laqad faqadtou mihfazatee.**  
I've lost my wallet.

**Laqad faqadtou jawaza safari.**  
I've lost my passport.

**Laqad fatani al qitar.**  
I've missed my train.

**Ana da'eea.**  
I'm lost.

**Annajda!**  
Help!

**Ashorta!**  
Police!

**Laqad soureqt.**  
I've been robbed.

**La aarifou ayna zawjati.**  
I don't know where my wife is.

**La aarifou ayna zawji.**  
I don't know where my husband is.

**La aarifou ayna ibni. (m)**  
I don't know where my son is.

**La aarifou ayna ibnati. (f)**  
I don't know where my daughter is.

**Ana jareehon.**  
I'm hurt.

**Ahtajou ila tabeeb.**  
I need a doctor.

**Otlob sayyarat esaaf.**  
Call an ambulance.

**Iindi hasaseyya didd al peniceleen.**  
I'm allergic to penicillin.

**Ana da'ekh.**  
I'm dizzy.



**Ouhissou bil ghathayan.**

I feel nauseous.

**Rejli to'limni.**

My leg hurts.

**Yadi to'limni.**

My arm hurts.

**Ra'si to'limni.**

My head hurts.

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## Lesson 16: Days and Months

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**al ethnain**

Monday

**ayar**

May

**al thulatha'**

Tuesday

**hazeyran**

June

**al arbiaa'**

Wednesday

**tammooz**

July

**al khamees**

Thursday

**aab**

August

**al jomaa**

Friday

**aylool**

September

**al sabt**

Saturday

**tashreen al awwal**

October

**al ahad**

Sunday

**tashreen al thanee**

November

**kanoon al thanee**

January

**kanoon al awwal**

December

**shabbat**

February

**haza al ethnain**

this Monday

**azar**

March

**al osboooa al madee**

last week

**nisan**

April

**al shahr al qadem**

next month

**Fil iishreen min azar.**

On March 20th.

**Ma houwa tareekh al youm?**

What is the date today?

**Ennahoul khames wal**

**iishreen min nisan.**

It's April 25th.

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## Lesson 17: Going Out

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**Hal laka an taqtarih mataa-man?**

Can you recommend a restaurant?

**Hal laka an taqtarih qah-watan?**

Can you recommend a café?

**Hal hounaka daru cinama bel qorb min houna?**

Is there a movie theatre nearby?

**Hal hounaka mat-haf bel qorb min houna?**

Is there a museum nearby?

**Hal hounaka bar bel qorb min houna?**

Is there a good bar nearby?

**Ma heyaa al amaken al seya-heyaa?**

What are the tourist attractions?

**Ayna astateeaa an azhab li kay ma asbah?**

Where can I go to swim?

**Ayna astateeaa an azhab li kay arkab al darraja?**

Where can I go to bike?

**Ayna astateeaa an azhab li kay ma arqod?**

Where can I go to jog?

**Ayna astateeaa an azhab li kay arqos?**

Where can I go to dance?

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## Lesson 18: Asking Questions and Describing Things

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**Ayna?**

Where?

**Aynal makhraj?**

Where is the exit?

**Maza? Ma?**

What?

**Ma houwa oonwan baree-doukal electronee?**

What is your e-mail address?

**Man?**

Who?

**Man haza?**

Who is that?

**qadeem / jadeed**

old / new

**Mata?**

When?

**mousenn / fateyy**

old / young

**Mata tasil hazihil rehla?**

When does the flight arrive?

**saaeed / hazeen**

happy / sad

**Kaifa?**

How?

**sareeaa / batee'**

fast / slow

**Kaifa attasil bil welayat al mottaheda?**

How do I dial the U.S.?

**qareeb / baaeed**

near / far

**Kam?**

How much?

**ahmar**

red

**Kam seaar haza?**

How much does this cost?

**azraq**

blue

**kabeer / sagheer**

big / small

**asfar**

yellow

**jayyed / sayye'**

good / bad

**akhdar**

green

**jameel / qabeeh**

beautiful / ugly

**bortouqali**

orange

**sakhen / bared**

hot / cold

**banafsejee**

purple

**taweel / qaseer**

tall / short

**aswad**

black

**sameen / daaeef**

fat / thin

**abyad**

white

**bonnee**

brown

**Haza azeem!**  
That's great!

**Ennahou mohemm.**  
It's important.

**Haza fazeeaa!**  
That's terrible!

**Entabeh!**  
Be careful!

**Hasanan.**  
Okay.

**Estamteaa!**  
Have fun!

**La aaref.**  
I don't know.

**Hazzan saaeedan!**  
Good luck!

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That brings us to the end of Living Language In-Flight Arabic. If you master just the words and expressions you've heard in this short survival course, you'll be able to get by in Arabic. Of course, you may decide that you had a great time learning just a little bit, and now you'd like to learn more. If that's the case, Living Language offers great complete courses in a variety of languages, too. For now, though, we wish you the best of luck using all the Arabic that you've learned with us so far. **Maa al salama!**

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