



1. Things you need to know

أمور عليك معرفتها

1.

Yes, it's great to begin with a word of agreement: **Yes**

نعم

Na'am

أيوا

Aiwa

2.

After saying “yes”, sometimes there's no choice but to say “no”... From the tone you can tell that no means **No!**

لا

La

3.

Now that we've mastered “yes” and “no”, it's time to ask for something, and say **Please**

لطفاً

Loutfan

لو سمحت

Law

Samaht

4.

If we get what we asked for, we probably want to say thanks: you can just say **Thank You**

شكراً

Shoukran

5.

And you can also add emphasis by saying **Thanks a Lot**

شكراً جزيلاً

Shoukran Jazeelan

6.

Usually you'll get a standard response, such as "my pleasure", "no problem", or a modest response like: **You're welcome**

أهلاً بك (m)

أهلاً بك (f)

Ahlan Bika (m)

Ahlan Biki (f)

7.

Now we already know how to put words together and say: **Yes, please**

نعم، لطفاً

Na'am, Loutfan

8.

Or: **No, thank you**

لا شكراً

La Shoukran

9.

"Excuse me" is an interesting phrase. When we want to be polite, get someone's attention, make a comment, ask for something, the correct phrase is "excuse me". For example, "Excuse me please, you're stepping on my foot!" – **Excuse me**

عذراً

Ozran

إسمح لي

إسمحي لي

Ismah li

Ismahi li

10.

There is also a way to ask for forgiveness – "Ooh, I beg your pardon, I didn't mean it!" If we accidentally hurt someone, we can say **I beg your pardon**

عفواً

Afwan

11.

When we want to express true sorrow or to apologize, the appropriate phrase is: **Sorry**

أعتذر

A'atazir

12.

And when everything is fine, you can say: **It's okay**

حسناً

Hasanan

13.

Moving on to some “dating phrases”. The first word you’ll probably say at the beginning of the date is: **Hello**

مرحبا

Marhaba

السلام عليكم

a-salamu alaykum

14.

And when you part ways? It’s always nice to say, I had a great time, hope to see you soon, **Goodbye**

مع السلامة

Ma’ Assalama

15.

Sometimes you do want to see that person again, and sometimes you say “see you” just to be polite... in either case, we say: **See you**

إلى اللقاء

Ila al-Liqa’

16.

I wonder why almost every language has a special greeting for mornings. When you meet someone in the morning, you say: **Good morning!**

صباح الخير

Sabah el-kheir

17.

And there is also a special greeting for the afternoon: **Good afternoon!**

مساء الخير

Masa’ el-Kheir

In Arabic, the greeting for afternoon and evening is the same.

18.

When you meet someone in the evening, you say: **Good evening!**

مساء الخير

Masa’ el-kheir

In Arabic, the greeting for afternoon and evening is the same.

19.

And at night, when you are ready to go to sleep, you guessed right! – we say **Good night!**

تصبح على خير (m)

Tosbih ala kheir

تصبحين على خير (f)

Tosbiheen ala kheir

20.

After a good night's sleep, we're ready to start the new day. Or maybe we want to welcome a guest, or maybe someone is happy to meet us and says: "Good to see you... **Welcome!**"

أهلاً بك (m)

أهلاً بك (f)

Ahlan Bika (m)

Ahlan Biki (f)

21.

When people meet each other, they usually exchange "small talk". They aren't always interested in a specific answer, but they show interest: **What's new?**

ما الجديد؟

ma al-jadid

شو الاخبار؟

Shou I-akhbar?

22.

How are you today?

كيف حالك اليوم؟ (m)

Kayfa halak al-yawm? (m)

كيف حالك اليوم؟ (f)

Kayfa halek al-yawm? (m)

كيفك؟

Kifak? (m)

Kifek? (f)

23.

Some people simply ask, **How are you doing today?**

كيف حالك اليوم؟ (m)

Kayfa halak al-yawm? (m)

كيف حالك اليوم؟ (f)

Kayfa halek al-yawm? (m)

24.

Most people expect a polite answer and not a list of complaints... You can simply say: **Fine, thanks**

بخير شكراً

Bi khayr, shoukran

25.

Everything's fine with me. What about you?

كل شيء على ما يرام. وأنت؟

'Kollo shay' ala ma youram. Wa ant?

كل شيء على ما يرام. وأنت؟ (f)

Kollo shay' ala ma youram. Wa anti? (f)

أنا بخير وأنت؟

Ana bi-kher. Wa-anta?

Ana bi-kher. Wa-anti?

26.

And if everything was okay, or at least no one complained, you can say politely: I enjoyed myself, **I had a lovely time**

أمضيت وقتاً رائعاً

Amdaytou waqtan ra'i'an

استمتعت

Istamta'tu

27.

And your host will probably reply: "It's my pleasure".

Yes, it's always a good idea to be polite... **It's my pleasure**

بكل سرور

Bi kol sorour

28.

And so, continuing to be polite, let us part by saying: **I wish you...**

أتمنى

Atamanna

29.

You could also say "best wishes", or "all the best", and maybe even wish someone **Good luck**

حظاً موفقاً

Hazzan Mouwaffaqan

التوفيق

a-tawfik

30.

You could, of course, add a little more detail, such as: **Good health and happiness**

الصحة الجيدة والسعادة

As-Sihha al-jayyida wa sa'adah

31.

And there's also **Happy Holiday**

أعياد سعيدة

A'yad Sa'ida

كل عام وانتم بخير

Kul aam wa-antum bi-kher

32.

And of course **Happy New Year**

رأس سنة سعيدة
Ras Sana Sa'ida

33.

Another way of saying goodbye is **Bon voyage**
رحلة سعيدة

Rihla Sa'ida

34.

Hey, kid, how old are you?! **Happy birthday**

عيد ميلاد سعيد

Eid Milad Sa'id

35.

And to mark a wedding anniversary, you would say **Happy anniversary**

عيد زواج سعيد

Eid Zawaj Sa'id

36.

Have a good time, **Enjoy your stay**

إقامة طيبة

Iqama Tayyiba

37.

And **Have a nice day**

نهار سعيد

Nahar Sa'id

38.

And you could always add this greeting: **All the best**

أطيب التمنيات

Atyab Attamanniyat



12. Hotels

الفنادق

355.

Now that we've landed safely, filled in all the forms and set out as tourists... let's think about the most common situations we may encounter. We'll begin at the hotel. Make a reservation in advance to make sure there's a room... **Making Hotel Reservations**

القيام بحجز في الفندق

Al-Qiyam bi hajz fi al-fondoq

356.

If you didn't make a reservation, your first question to the hotel clerk is: **Hello, do you have a vacancy?**

مرحباً، هل لديكم غرفة شاغرة؟

Marhaba. Hal ladaykum ghorfa shaghira?

357.

Here's the answer you don't want to hear: **Sorry, everything's taken**

عذراً، كل الغرف مأخوذة

Ozran, kol al-ghoraf ma'khouza

358.

If you did make a reservation, you can say: **I have a reservation**

لدي حجز

Ladayya hajz

359.

And if not, try your luck and hope for the best: **I don't have a reservation**

ليس لدي حجز

Laysa ladayya hajz

360.

Maybe you need to give more information: **I need a room...**

أحتاج إلى غرفة

Ahtaj ila ghorfa

361.

for one night

لليلة واحدة

Li layla wahida

362.

for two adults and two children

لراشدين وطفلين

Li rashidayn wa tiflayn

363.

This may sound odd, but based on experience it's a good idea to add: **with a bathroom**

مع حمام

Ma' hammam

364

with a single bed or a double bed

مع سرير مفرد

Ma' sareer moufrad

سرير مزدوج

Sareer mouzdawej

365.

Where is the room? **on the first floor**

في الطابق الأول

Fi ttabeq al-awwal

Floor is also:

دور

Dawr

366.

Or maybe **on the top floor**

في الطابق العلوي

Fi ttabeq al-olwi

Floor is also:

دور

Dawr

367.

Do I need to take the stairs to get **upstairs**

أعلى

A'la

368.

Or to get **downstairs**

أسفل

Asfal

369.

But I have suitcases... Is there an elevator? **elevator**

مصعد

Mis'ad

370.

The hotel's location is important for tourists and also affects the price. A hotel can be downtown, near the train station or in the suburbs. It's always good to know the hotel's exact address. **Where are you located?**

ما هو موقعكم؟

Ma howa mawqi'okom?

371.

If the location isn't clear, you can always ask: **How do I get there from...?**

كيف أصل إلى هناك من...؟

Kayfa asil ila hounak min...?

372.

And of course, to avoid any surprises... **How much does it cost?**

كم يكلف؟

Kam youkallif?

373.

This is not always obvious... **Does the price include breakfast?**

هل يتضمن السعر الفطور؟

Hal yashmol assi'r al-fotour?

374.

Let's review meals! first, **breakfast**

فطور

Fotour

375.

lunch

غداء

Ghada'

376.

supper

عشاء

Asha'

377.

We've almost forgotten the hotel clerk on the phone... what should we tell him?

We'll take the room! **Thank you, I'll be there by... 4**

شكراً، سأكون هناك عند ... 4

Shokran, sa akoun hounak inda ... 4

378.

Most countries that welcome tourists have tourist information offices. Most hotels also have a tourist desk to answer tourists' questions... **Tourist Information**

معلومات السائحين

Ma'aloumat Assa'ihéen

379.

Fill in the following question as needed: **Excuse me, where can I find...?**

عذراً، أين يمكنني إيجاد...؟

Ozran, ayna yomkinouni ijad ...?

إسمح لي وين ال...؟

Ismah li, Wen al...?

380.

Maybe we'll separate to shop in the market. We need a... **meeting point**

نقطة التقاء

Noqtat iltiqa'

381.

Perhaps you have a free **map of the city**

خريطة مدينة

Khareetat Madeena

382.

Can you help me find ... **a car rental agency**

وكالة تأجير سيارات

Wikalat ta'jeer sayyarat

383.

Actually, maybe I'd prefer a **taxi stand** or a **bus stop**

موقف تاكسي

Mawqif taxi

موقف باص

Mawqif bas

384.

A train to...

قطار إلى...

Qitar ila...