Arabic A1, lesson 2: introducing yourself

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You learn to say your name and country and to use the pronouns I, you, he, she.

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Pronunciation is written in Latin letters (ā, ī, ū = long vowels; ḥ, ṣ, ḍ, ṭ, ẓ = emphatic consonants; ʿ = the letter ع). The Arabic is always fully vowelled.

ARABIC	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
أَنَا	*ana*	I
أَنْتَ	*anta*	you (man)
أَنْتِ	*anti*	you (woman)
هُوَ	*huwa*	he
هِيَ	*hiya*	she
اِسْمِي	*ismī*	my name

ARABIC	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
مَا	*mā*	what
مِنْ	*min*	from
أَيْنَ	*ayna*	where
فَرَنْسَا	*faransā*	France
مِصْرُ	*miṣr*	Egypt
تَشَرَّفْنَا	*tasharrafnā*	nice to meet you
صَدِيقٌ	*ṣadīq*	a friend
وَ	*wa*	and

KARIM

مَرْحَبًا، مَا اسْمُكِ؟

marḥaban, mā ismuki?

Hello, what is your name? (to a woman)

SALMA

اِسْمِي سَلْمَى، وَمَا اسْمُكَ؟

ismī Salmā, wa mā ismuka?

My name is Salma, and yours? (to a man)

KARIM

اِسْمِي كَرِيم. مِنْ أَيْنَ أَنْتِ؟

ismī Karīm. min ayna anti?

My name is Karim. Where are you from?

SALMA

أَنَا مِنْ فَرَنْسَا. وَأَنْتَ؟

ana min faransā. wa anta?

I am from France. And you?

KARIM

أَنَا مِنْ مِصْرَ. تَشَرَّفْنَا.

ana min miṣra. tasharrafnā.

I am from Egypt. Nice to meet you.

SALMA

تَشَرَّفْنَا.

tasharrafnā.

Nice to meet you too.

Personal pronouns (I, you, he, she)

Learn five pronouns: أَنَا (I), أَنْتَ (you, to a man), أَنْتِ (you, to a woman), هُوَ (he), هِيَ (she).

The nominal sentence stays simple: pronoun + word. هُوَ كَرِيم = “he (is) Karim”.

The ending كَ / كِ in اِسْمُكَ / اِسْمُكِ means “your name”: “a” for a man, “i” for a woman.

Examples

ARABIC	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
أَنَا مِنْ فَرَنْسَا	*ana min faransā*	I am from France
هُوَ كَرِيم	*huwa Karīm*	he is Karim
هِيَ سَلْمَى	*hiya Salmā*	she is Salma
أَنْتَ مِنْ مِصْرَ	*anta min miṣra*	you are from Egypt



Ibrahim explains

Remember the ending: “a” to speak to a man, “i” to speak to a woman.

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