Arabic A2, lesson 11: health and the doctor

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You say where it hurts and understand a doctor's advice with يَجِبُ أَنْ.

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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
صُدَاعٌ	*ṣudāʿ*	a headache
حُمَّى	*ḥummā*	a fever
سُعَالٌ	*suʿāl*	a cough
أَلَمٌ	*alam*	pain
دَوَاءٌ	*dawāʾ*	medicine
مَرِيضٌ	*marīḍ*	ill

ARABIC	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
رَاحَةٌ	*rāḥa*	rest
نَصِيحَةٌ	*naṣīḥa*	advice
أَشْعُرُ بِـ	*ashʿuru bi-*	I feel
يَجِبُ أَنْ	*yajibu an*	you must, it is necessary to
خُذْ	*khudh*	take!
كَثِيرًا	*kathīran*	a lot
مَرَّتَيْنِ	*marratayn*	twice
صِحَّةٌ	*ṣiḥḥa*	health

KARIM

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكِ يَا طَبِيبَةُ، عِنْدِي صُدَاعٌ وَحُمَّى.

as-salāmu ʿalayki yā ṭabība, ʿindī ṣudāʿ wa ḥummā.

Hello doctor, I have a headache and a fever.

SALMA

هَلْ عِنْدَكَ سُعَالٌ؟

hal ʿindaka suʿāl?

Do you have a cough?

KARIM

نَعَمْ، وَأَشْعُرُ بِأَلَمٍ فِي رَأْسِي.

naʿam, wa ashʿuru bi-alamin fī raʾsī.

Yes, and I feel a pain in my head.

SALMA

يَجِبُ أَنْ تَسْتَرِيحَ وَتَشْرَبَ مَاءً كَثِيرًا.

yajibu an tastarīḥa wa tashraba māʾan kathīran.

You must rest and drink a lot of water.

KARIM

وَهَلْ آخُذُ دَوَاءً؟

wa hal ākhudhu dawāʾan?

And should I take medicine?

SALMA

نَعَمْ، خُذْ هَذَا الدَّوَاءَ مَرَّتَيْنِ فِي الْيَوْمِ.

naʿam, khudh hādhā d-dawāʾa marratayni fī l-yawm.

Yes, take this medicine twice a day.

Describing pain and advising with يَجِبُ أَنْ

To say what you suffer from use عِنْدِي (I have): عِنْدِي صُدَاعٌ, عِنْدِي حُمَّى. To locate the pain: أَشْعُرُ بِأَلَمٍ فِي + body part (فِي رَأْسِي, فِي ظَهْرِي).

To give advice or an obligation: يَجِبُ أَنْ + verb with the final “a”: يَجِبُ أَنْ تَسْتَرِيحَ (you must rest). You can also use the imperative: خُذْ هَذَا الدَّوَاءَ (take this medicine).

Examples

ARABIC	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
عِنْدِي صُدَاعٌ	*ʿindī ṣudāʿ*	I have a headache
أَشْعُرُ بِأَلَمٍ فِي ظَهْرِي	*ashʿuru bi-alamin fī ẓahrī*	I feel pain in my back
يَجِبُ أَنْ تَشْرَبَ مَاءً	*yajibu an tashraba māʾan*	you must drink water
خُذِ الدَّوَاءَ	*khudhi d-dawāʾ*	take the medicine



Ibrahim explains

“You must” is yajibu an, and the verb that follows ends in -a.

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