Arabic A2, lesson 7: the town and its places

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You name the places in town and say what exists or does not exist near you.

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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
مَدِينَةٌ	*madīna*	a city
شَارِعٌ	*shāriʿ*	a street
مَطْعَمٌ	*maṭʿam*	a restaurant
صَيْدَلِيَّةٌ	*ṣaydaliyya*	a pharmacy
مُسْتَشْفًى	*mustashfā*	a hospital
بَنْكٌ	*bank*	a bank

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مَحَطَّةٌ	*maḥaṭṭa*	a station
مَتْحَفٌ	*matḥaf*	a museum
مَسْجِدٌ	*masjid*	a mosque
فُنْدُقٌ	*funduq*	a hotel
مَطَارٌ	*maṭār*	an airport
يُوجَدُ	*yūjadu*	there is (m)
قَرِيبٌ مِنْ	*qarīb min*	near
بَعِيدٌ عَنْ	*baʿīdʿan*	far from

KARIM

هَلْ يُوجَدُ مَطْعَمٌ قَرِيبٌ مِنْ هُنَا؟

hal yūjadu maṭʿam qarīb min hunā?

Is there a restaurant near here?

SALMA

نَعَمْ، يُوجَدُ مَطْعَمٌ فِي هَذَا الشَّارِعِ.

naʿam, yūjadu maṭʿam fī hādhā sh-shāriʿ.

Yes, there is a restaurant in this street.

KARIM

وَهَلْ تُوجَدُ صَيْدَلِيَّةٌ؟

wa hal tūjadu ṣaydaliyya?

And is there a pharmacy?

SALMA

لَا، لَا تُوجَدُ صَيْدَلِيَّةٌ هُنَا.

lā, lā tūjadu ṣaydaliyya hunā.

No, there is no pharmacy here.

KARIM

وَأَيْنَ الْمُسْتَشْفَى؟

wa ayna l-mustashfā?

And where is the hospital?

SALMA

الْمُسْتَشْفَى بَعِيدٌ عَنْ هُنَا.

al-mustashfā baʿīdun ʿan hunā.

The hospital is far from here.

“There is”: يُوجَدُ and تُوجَدُ

To say “there is” use يُوجَدُ with a masculine noun and تُوجَدُ with a feminine noun: يُوجَدُ مَطْعَمٌ, تُوجَدُ صَيْدَلِيَّةٌ. For “there is no”: لَا تُوجَدُ / لَا يُوجَدُ. You also know هُنَاكَ (there is), which is simpler.

To locate: قَرِيبٌ مِنْ (near) and بَعِيدٌ عَنْ (far from), followed by the noun with a kasra: قَرِيبٌ مِنَ الْبَنْكِ.

The adjective قَرِيبٌ agrees: الْمَحَطَّةُ قَرِيبَةٌ (the station is near).

Examples

ARABIC	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
يُوجَدُ مَتْحَفٌ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ	*yūjadu matḥaf fī l-madīna*	there is a museum in the city
لَا تُوجَدُ صَيْدَلِيَّةٌ هُنَا	*lā tūjadu ṣaydaliyya hunā*	there is no pharmacy here
الْفُنْدُقُ قَرِيبٌ مِنَ الْمَحَطَّةِ	*al-funduqu qarībun mina l-maḥaṭṭa*	the hotel is near the station

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الْمَطَارُ بَعِيدٌ عَنِ الْمَدِينَةِ	*al-maṭāru baʿīdun ʿani l-madīna*	the airport is far from the city



Ibrahim explains

Masculine: yujadu. Feminine: tujadu. The noun decides!

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