

We can start our course with Franco Arabic.

What is Franco Arabic?

It is the Arabic words but with English letters. The Arabs created this form to make the communication easier with foreigners because it's not easy to find a foreigner who could write with Arabic letters. at this beginning, it is important for you to understand, that some sounds in Arabic do not exist in English. You should master and memorize these sounds, to pronounce Arabic perfectly

Let's starts with these sounds:

First sound is represented as number "3" try to make this sound, use your throat as in the video lesson 3.3.

Second sound is represented as number "7": 7.7 try to make this sound. It sounds like the letter "H" in English, but it's more from the throat.

Third sound is represented as number "5", it sounds like a snoring sound, 5.5

Fourth sound is represented as the "3" or "8" it sounds like a gargling sound, try making that sound 3'.

Now, let's listen to a conversation, imagine a conversation between 2 people

Listen to the native speaker

Conversa 1

Salamu 3aleikom سلام عليكم

Wa3aleykom e'salam و عليكم السلام

Ezayak? ازيك؟

El7amdulillah tamam, w'enty? الحمد لله تمام وانت؟

El7amdulillah الحمد لله

Enty Amrikya? انتي أمريكية؟

Aywa, ana Amrikya, w'enta? ايوة انا أمريكية وانت؟

Ana Amricky أنا امريكي

Salam سلام

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The lesson

Hello = salamu 3aleikom

Responding Hello or Hi = wa3aleikom e'salam

The pronouns

I = Ana

I'm American "man says" = Ana Amricky

I'm American "woman says" = Ana Amrickya

Masculine you = Enta

Feminine you = Enty

He = Huwa

She = Heya

How to ask how the person is?

How are you? Asking a man = ezayak?

How are you? asking a woman = ezayek?

How to respond?

Thank God it's alright = el 7amdulillah tamam

I'm fine = Ana tatam

How about you? = w'enta? w'enty?

yes = aywa

Yes I am American = Aywa, Ana Amriky

Goodbye = salam

Eastern Arabic

We have to know that there are some differences between the different Arabic dialects which are (vocabulary and pronunciation), you can choose whatever accent you prefer to use or the easiest for you.

I prefer the Egyptian because it is the most used and well-known accent in the Arab world, so any native will understand you.

you must know all the different words and pronunciations to be able to understand when the native speaks.

1- The differences in pronunciation of this lesson

The eastern Arabic is called the Shameya dialect, is the Arabic used in (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Palestine) they speak the pronouns with their lips closer

To sound like shamyia, lower your jaw slightly. The lips are relaxed and are about half-inch apart.

Enta = Inta

Enty = Inte

Huwa = Howe

Heya = Heye

Letter " A " is pronounced as " Eih "

Amrikyia = Brazilya " Egyptian "

Amrikye= Brazilye " shamyA " stretching the vowels

Now see how shamyA says:

She is American = Heye AmrikyA (with a mouth more closed and stretched vowels)

Aywa - EywA

The differences in vocabulary of this lesson

Some words are different, and are used in the shamyA accent, for example:

How to say hello

Mar7aba - ahleen

These words literally mean welcome, are used as hello, or Hi in eastern Arabic

Ezay = keef

So how would be: How are you? asking a man

Keefak?

how would be? asking a woman

Keefek?

Tamam = meli7 - meni7 (man)

Tamam = meli7a - meni7a (woman)

So, I'm fine, how would it be?

Man says

Ana meli7 - meni7

Woman says

Ana meli7a - meni7a