

Peace Corps

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Hassaniya lessons



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Lesson 1: The Alphabet

Hassaniya Alphabet	Pronounced as in
a	Bat
e	Cutter
i	Kit
u	To
aa	Far
ii	Meat
uu	Food
b	Book
t	Take
th	Think/That
j	Jamais (in French)
<u>h</u>	No equivalent
kh	No equivalent
d	Dark
f	Father
dh	No equivalent
r	Rice
z	Zebra
s	Sea
sh	Show
<u>s</u>	No equivalent

<u>d</u>	No equivalent
<u>t</u>	No equivalent
<u>dh</u>	No equivalent
c	No equivalent
gh	No equivalent
v	Veil
q	No equivalent
g	Good
k	Kit
l	Let
m	Many
n	Noon
h	High
w	What
y	Yes

Lesson 2: Vocabulary 1

Aane	I
Nte	You (Singular-Male)
Nti	You (Singular-Female)
Huwe	He
Hiye	She
Nahne	We
Ntuume	You
Huume	They
Mra	A woman
° leyaat	Women
Raajil	A man
Rajjaale	Men
Tivle	A girl
Taavilaat	Girls
Tivel	A boy
° iyyel	Boys
Ishiir	A child
Ishaashre	Children
Usra	A family
Um	Mother
Bu	Father
Zewje	Wife

Zewj	Husband
Khit	Sister
Khu	Brother
Is-sbaah	Morning
Il-gaayle	Noon
Id-dahmiis	Afternoon
Leyle	Night
Is-sbuuh	Breakfast
Li-qde	Lunch
Li-c^cshe	Dinner

Lesson 3: Greetings

Is-selaamu °aleykum	Peace be upon you (use at any time of the day)
We °aleykum is-selaam	And on you, too (reply to the above greeting)
Ish <u>h</u> aal is- <u>s</u> baah	Good morning
Ish <u>h</u> aal li-mgiil	Good afternoon
Ish <u>h</u> aal li-mbaat	Good evening
Eyaak il-khayr?	Are you in peace?
Il-khayr il- <u>h</u> amdulillaah	Peace only
Ish <u>h</u> aalak?	How are you?
Lebaas meshaallaah	I am fine
Ish <u>h</u> aal usrtak?	How is the family?
Lebaas °liihum	They are fine
Ish <u>h</u> aal ish-shaqle?	How is the work?
lebaas meshaallaah	It is fine
Ish <u>h</u> aalak m°a il-vetre?	How are you with tiredness?
Lebaas meshaallaah	I am fine
Ish <u>h</u> aal Mary?	How is Mary?
Mary lebaas °liihe	Mary is fine
Ish <u>h</u> aal ishaashrtak?	How are your children?
Lebaas °liihum	They are fine
Mer <u>h</u> be!	Welcome!
Shukran!	Thank you!

Lesson 4: Numbers – Counting 1 to 20

Waahid	One
Ethneyn	Two
Ethlaathe	Three
Arb [°] a	Four
Khamse	Five
Sitte	Six
Seb [°] a	Seven
Ethmaanye	Eight
Tis [°] a	Nine
[°] ashra	Ten
Ethda [°] sh	Eleven
Athna [°] sh	Twelve
Ethlitta [°] sh	Thirteen
Arba [°] ta [°] sh	Fourteen
Akhmišta [°] sh	Fifteen
Sitta [°] sh	Sixteen
Esba [°] ta [°] sh	Seventeen
Ethmišta [°] sh	Eighteen
Etsa [°] ta [°] sh	Nineteen
[°] ishriin	Twenty

Lesson 5: Vocabulary 2 (Common Objects)

<u>T</u>aable	A table
mig^cayde	A chair
Baab	A door
Kuwe	A window
Qlem	A pen
Qlem ra<u>s</u>aa<u>s</u>	A pencil
Karne	A notebook
Ktaab	A book
<u>S</u>ak	A bag
<u>T</u>abshuur	Chalk
Sebbuura	Chalk board
Plaat	A plate
Kiddu	A spoon
Muus	A knife
Balaaye	A broom
Metke	A bed
Mbedju	A blanket
Dra	A bed sheet
<u>H</u>sayra	A mat
Lbaas	Clothes
Tirki	A shirt
Sirwaal	Pants

N^caayil	Shoes
Raale	Bike
B<u>ass</u>araat	Eye glasses
Il-me	Water
Etaay	Tea
Kaave	Coffee
Il-lben	Milk
Is-sekker	Sugar
Il-mil<u>h</u>	Salt
Maaru	Rice
Il-<u>h</u>uut	Fish
Il-l<u>h</u>am	Meat

Lesson 6: Vocabulay 3 (Names of Places)

Il-medrase	School
Il-va<u>s</u>i	Classroom
Id-duush	Toilet
Il-kuziin	Kitchen
li-mbaar	Hangar (Straw roof that you sit under)
Id-daar	House
Il-beyt	Room
Il-khayme	Tent
It-<u>t</u>abb	Dispensary
Il-mar<u>s</u>a	Market
Il-butii<u>g</u>	Shop
Il-mek<u>t</u>eb	Office
li-b<u>h</u>ar	River
Il-<u>h</u>aasi	A well
Il-meki<u>i</u>ne	Pump
Il-<u>h</u>adii<u>q</u>a	Garden
li-<u>h</u>rii<u>t</u>he	Field
Bell ish-sha<u>q</u>le	Working place
li-<u>m</u>siid	Mosque
Il-<u>b</u>enk	Bank
Waqvet il-<u>b</u>iis	Bus station
Il-<u>m</u>a<u>t</u>aar	Airport

Lesson 7: Days of the Week and Some Expressions of Time

Lethneyn	Monday
Ith-thlaathe	Tuesday
Lerb^ˆa	Wednesday
Likhmiis	Thursday
Il-jumu^ˆa	Friday
Is-sibt	Saturday
Il-had	Sunday
Kill yuum	Every day
Kill sbaah	Every morning
Kill dahmiis	Every afternoon
Kill leyle	Every night
Kill ethneyn	Every Monday
Kill jumu^ˆa	Every Friday
yuum	Day
Sbuu^ˆ	Week
Shhar	Month
Sene	Year
Kill sbuu^ˆ	Every week
Kill shhar	Every month
Kill sene	Every year

Lesson 8: Introducing Self/Someone

Aane esmi Sidi	My name is Sidi
Aane wul Brahim	My last name is Brahim
Nte esmak?	What's your name?
Nte wul aash?	What's your last name?
Aane min Muuritaan	I am from Mauritania
Zewjti min Muuritaan	My wife is from Mauritania
Nte min mneyn?	Where are you from?
Zewjtak min mneyn?	Where is your wife from?
Hiye min mneyn?	Where is she from?
Huwe min mneyn?	Where is he from?
Huwe esmu John	His name is John
Huwe wul Hogan	His last name is Hogan
John maahu min Muuritaan. Huwe min Amriik	John is not from Mauritania. He is from America
Nte min Amriik?	Are you from America?
Ebday, aane maani min Amriik	No, I am not from America.
Nte min Muuritaan?	Are you from Mauritania?
Eheyh, aane min Muuritaan.	Yes, I am from Mauritania
Aane garraay	I am a teacher
Zewjti maahi garraaye	My wife is not a teacher
John mutesawi^c	John is a volunteer
Zewjtu maahi mutesawi^ca	His wife is not a volunteer
Zewjet John dektuura	John's wife is a doctor

Lesson 9: Leave-taking Expressions

Ma^ça is-selaam	Good-bye!
Ile il-liqaa	See you!
yuum sa^çiid	Have a good day
Leyle sa^çiide	Have a good night
Mbaatu bikhayr	May we have a good night
Ma^ça is-selaam	Stay in peace
Emiin!	Amen!
Ile m^ça is-<u>s</u>baah	See you in the morning
Ile id-dah<u>m</u>iis	See you in the afternoon
Ile il-gaayle	See you around noon
Ile ewl il-leyl	See you in the evening
Ile is-<u>s</u>ub<u>h</u>	See you tomorrow
Ile il-liqaa	See you soon
Ile il-liqaa	See you later

Lesson 10: Some Useful Expressions & Phrases

Aane vetraan	I am tired
Aane na^csaan	I am sleepy
Aane ji^caan	I am hungry
Aane maani j^faan	I am not hungry
Aane ^ca_tshaan	I am thirsty
Aane maani ^ca_tshaan	I am not thirsty
Haadhe <u>h</u>aami	It's hot
Haadhe maahu <u>h</u>aami	It's not hot
Haadhe baarid	It's cold
Haadhe maahu baarid	It's not cold
Esmah <u>l</u>i	Excuse me
Musaame<u>h</u>	You are excused
Nte ish gaayes?	Where are you going?
Aane gaayes id-daar	I am going home
Aane gaayes il-medrase	I am going to school
John gaayes il-mar<u>s</u>a	John is going to the market
Huwe gaayes il-butii<u>g</u>	He is going to the shop
Aane maani gaayes il-mekteb	I'm not going to the office
Nte titkellem il-<u>h</u>assaaniye?	Do you speak Hassaniya?
Eheyh, aane nitkellem il-hassaaniye shwey	Yes, I speak Hassaniya a little bit
John maa yitkellem il-<u>h</u>assaaniye	John doesn't speak Hassaniya
Aane maa nibqi il-varensiye	I don't like French

Aane maa nibqi kaave	I don't like coffee
Jennifer tibqi il-<u>h</u>assaaniye	Jennifer likes Hassaniya
Aane negra	I study
Aane newkel	I eat
Aane nishtqal	I work
Hiye maa tegra	He doesn't study
Hiye maa tewkel	She doesn't eat
Hiye maa tishtqal	She doesn't work
Aane laahi nirgid shwey	I am having some sleep
Aane maa nishtqal <u>d</u>hark	I don't work now
Aane ndewr nistra<u>h</u>	I want to rest