

Supplemental Materials for Mastering Arabic 1

Unit 3

Exercise 1. Work in pairs. Transcribe/transliterate each of the following personal names. When all groups are finished, your teacher will go over the correct answers with you.

- _____ هاني 1 _____ مَجِيد 2 _____ حَمْدِي 3
- _____ ماجد 4 _____ نَاهِد 5 _____ مَهَا 6
- _____ خَيْرَت 7 _____ نور 8 _____ ثَرَوْت 9
- _____ مُحَمَّد 10 _____ أَحْمَد 11 _____ مَجْدِي 12

Exercise 2. Go over the following dialogue with your teacher. Then practise it in groups of three, using your own names. When you do this, make sure to make any necessary adjustments for gender.

Dialogue A:

- A: man hādhā?
- B: hādhā ṣadīqī aḥmad.
- A: tasharrafnā, yā aḥmad. anā mahā.
- C: tasharrafnā, yā mahā.

Note the following words for talking about friends:

masc.	fem.
ṣadīq 'friend'	ṣadīqa 'friend'
ṣadīqī 'my friend'	ṣadīqatī 'my friend'

Exercise 3. Interview. In this exercise we will practise talking about family and friends. We will be using the following nouns. What do they mean?

ism _____	ab (abū...) _____	umm _____	zawj _____	zawja _____
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ibn _____	bint _____	ṣadīq _____	ṣadīqa _____
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Now look at the following possessive expressions using some of these nouns. Fill in the missing forms.

my ...	your (m.) ...	your (f.) ...	his ...	her ...
ismī	ismak	ismik	ismuh	ismahā
ṣadīqī	ṣadīqak	ṣadīqik	ṣadīquh	ṣadīqhā
zawj_____	zawj_____	zawj_____	zawj_____	zawj_____
zawjat_____	zawjat_____	zawjat_____	zawjat_____	zawjat_____

The word *ab* 'father' is a bit irregular. Here is one way of pronouncing the forms in informal Arabic:

my ...	your (m.) ...	your (f.) ...	his ...	her ...
abī	abūk	abūki	abūh	abūhā

Here are a couple of model sentences for this exercise:

mā ism zawjik?	'What is your husband's name?'
zawjī ismuh aḥmad	'My husband's name is Ahmed.'

Now work with a partner and ask the following questions. Write down the answers (just the names).

1. What is your name? _____
2. What is your father's name? _____
3. What is your mother's name? _____
4. What is your husband's/wife's name? _____
5. What is your daughter's name? _____
6. What is your son's name? _____

You may also need the following sentences:

laysa lī ibn/bint.

‘I don’t have a son/daughter.’

anā mutazawwij(a).

‘I’m married.’

anā lastu mutazawwījan.

‘I’m not married (m.).’

anā lastu mutazawwīja.

‘I’m not married (f.).’