

CASAW Intensive Arabic A - Course description

Week	Skill	Topic	Function	Activity	Grammar
Week 1	Reading & Writing	Introduction to Arabic letters & sounds: Part 1	To introduce the Arabic writing system	Mastering Arabic 1-3, exercises & drills	Pronouns, sound plurals, demonstratives
	Speaking & Listening	Greetings and initial pleasantries Talking about oneself and asking simple questions	To enable learner to understand and initiate a simple conversation To introduce question words	text book, tape, drills and role play	Pronoun suffixes Question words & Intro to adjectives sun letters
Week 2	Reading & Writing	Arabic letters & sounds: Part 2	To progress and complete the Arabic alphabet	Mastering Arabic 4-6 Elementary Arabic 7-11	Suffixes, introduction to concept of 'Idaafa'
	Speaking & Listening	Talking about basic daily activities, routine in the past	To introduce the concept of time and regular activities	Handouts, Drills and role play	Past Tense Verbs (Sound & Hollow)
Week 3	Reading & Writing	Reading simple sentences & short passages. Writing simple sentences	To develop learner's ability to read accurately and to introduce the Present Tense in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)	Mastering Arabic 6-11 Elementary Arabic 11-15 Al-Kitaab 8-10	Question words & adjectives, case-endings Past Tense Verbs in MSA
	Speaking & Listening	Talking about past events, education and work	To enable learner to handle the concept of the Past Tense in spoken Arabic	Drills and role play	Intro. to Present Tense & More on past tense (weak & doubled)
Week 4	Reading & Writing	Comprehending slightly longer passages and introducing the Present Tense in MSA	To develop learner's ability to get the gist of what is being read and to become acquainted with the present tense	Mastering Arabic 16-20 Elementary Arabic 15-24	Past Tense & time words. Broken Plurals Verb object suffixes & prepositions

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Week 5	Reading & Writing	Reading simple news headlines	To introduce Media Arabic at a preliminary level.	Elementary Arabic 24-28 Al-Kitaab 12	Comparatives & Superlatives
	Speaking & Listening	Describing Places and making comparisons	To introduce Comparatives & Superlatives in Spoken Arabic	Oral Presentations Listening Ex Role Play	Comparatives & Superlatives – noun adjective agreement
Week 6	Reading & Writing	To read and write a simple social letter	To introduce written greetings and basic letter writing style	Al-Kitaab 12-13	Future in MSA & negation (all tenses) 'ma zaala'
	Speaking & Listening	Future plans To introduce the future aspect & negation	To enable learner to handle the concept of the Future Tense in Arabic as well as negation in all tenses.	Games, handouts and role play Listening exercise	Future Tense &. Review of negation in all aspects
Week 7	Reading & Writing	Writing a short composition to include wishes, desires & needs	To demonstrate the subjunctive in Modern Standard Arabic and how it is commonly used.	Al-Kitaab 11 Supplementary materials & drills	'yureedu' + 'yajibu' 'ala + Forming Verbal Nouns 'al-masdar'
	Speaking & Listening	Travel and booking arrangements, expressing wishes, desires & needs	To reinforce both the Present Tense and compound verbs (followed by particles such as 'laazim')	Drills, role play and oral scenarios	Review present tense and compound verbs
Week 8	Reading & Writing	Derived forms of Arabic verbs in MSA and the use of Arabic dictionary	To enable the learner to look up words using the Arabic root system.	Al-Kitaab 14	Examine the derived forms of verbs
	Speaking & Listening	Talking about past jobs and regular activities in a previous period of time	To demonstrate the use of the past continuous tense and to consolidate spoken skills	Handouts and role play	Past continuous
Week 9	Reading & Writing	Describing People & Places in the Middle East	To enable student to handle adjectives with more confidence and to develop vocabulary	Al-Kitaab 15 Elementary Arabic 29-32	The relative pronoun, colours, numbers
	Speaking & Listening	Describing Places	To introduce texts describing well known Middle Eastern cities, e.g Damascus.	Elementary Arabic 29-32 Oral Presentations	The relative pronoun and 'the returner' in Spoken Arabic

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Week 10	Reading & Writing	Education & Work	Related reading comprehension texts. CV's & related short translation passages.	Al-Kitaab 17-18 Elementary Arabic 32-40	Case Endings, 'laysa' and the negative.
	Speaking & Listening	Education and Work	Talking about one's own educational background, qualifications etc Applying for a job – carrying out an interview in Arabic	handouts, drills and role play listening exercises	asking and requesting, to be able to
Week 11	Reading & Writing	Revision & Consolidation (All areas covered) & Assessment	To revise all previously covered aspects	Various activities	revision of all structures
	Speaking & Listening	Revision & Consolidation & End of Semester Assessment	To revise all previously covered aspects	Various activities	revision of all structures