

The 200 most common words

The core vocabulary of spoken Egyptian Arabic in seven groups, with a 7-day plan. Say every word out loud. Tick a box only when you can produce the word from the English alone.

NAME _____

DATE _____

THE 7-DAY PLAN

ABOUT 30 MINUTES A DAY

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Words 1 to 30	Words 31 to 60	Words 61 to 90 + review Day 1	Words 91 to 120	Words 121 to 150 + review Day 3	Words 151 to 200	All 200 + the sentence page

Each word has three boxes: **D1** for the day you learn it, **D3** and **D7** for the two reviews. Cover the Say-it and English columns, look at the Arabic or the English, say the word, then tick. A word with three ticks is yours.

GROUP 1. PRONOUNS & LITTLE WORDS

WORDS 1 TO 30

#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7	#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7
1	أنا	ana	I	☐ ☐ ☐	16	مش	mish	not	☐ ☐ ☐
2	إنت	enta	you (m)	☐ ☐ ☐	17	و	wi	and	☐ ☐ ☐
3	إنتي	enti	you (f)	☐ ☐ ☐	18	أو	aw	or	☐ ☐ ☐
4	هو	huwwa	he, it	☐ ☐ ☐	19	بس	bass	only, but, enough	☐ ☐ ☐
5	هي	hiyya	she, it	☐ ☐ ☐	20	كمان	kaman	also, more	☐ ☐ ☐
6	إحنا	ehna	we	☐ ☐ ☐	21	عشان	'ashan	because, so that	☐ ☐ ☐
7	إنتو	entu	you (pl.)	☐ ☐ ☐	22	لما	lamma	when (I was ...)	☐ ☐ ☐
8	هما	humma	they	☐ ☐ ☐	23	لو	law	if	☐ ☐ ☐
9	ده	da	this, that (m)	☐ ☐ ☐	24	برضه	bardu	also, still	☐ ☐ ☐
10	دي	di	this, that (f)	☐ ☐ ☐	25	يعني	ya'ni	I mean, that is	☐ ☐ ☐
11	دول	dol	these, those	☐ ☐ ☐	26	طب	tab	okay then, so	☐ ☐ ☐
12	هنا	hina	here	☐ ☐ ☐	27	خلاص	khalas	done, that's it	☐ ☐ ☐
13	هناك	hinak	there	☐ ☐ ☐	28	يلا	yalla	let's go, come on	☐ ☐ ☐
14	أيوه	aywa	yes	☐ ☐ ☐	29	ماشي	mashi	okay, fine	☐ ☐ ☐
15	لا	la'	no	☐ ☐ ☐	30	تمام	tamam	fine, perfect	☐ ☐ ☐

GROUP 2. PEOPLE & FAMILY

WORDS 31 TO 55

#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7	#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7
31	راجل	ragil	man	□□□	44	ناس	nas	people	□□□
32	ست	sitt	woman, lady	□□□	45	أستاذ	ustaz	teacher, sir	□□□
33	ولد	walad	boy	□□□	46	دكتور	doktor	doctor	□□□
34	بنت	bint	girl, daughter	□□□	47	طفل	tifl	child	□□□
35	بابا	baba	dad	□□□	48	عيلة	'eila	family	□□□
36	ماما	mama	mum	□□□	49	جدي	giddi	my grandfather	□□□
37	أخ	akh	brother	□□□	50	جدتي	gidditi	my grandmother	□□□
38	أخت	ukht	sister	□□□	51	عم	'amm	uncle (dad's side)	□□□
39	ابن	ibn	son	□□□	52	خالة	khala	aunt (mum's side)	□□□
40	جوزي	gozi	my husband	□□□	53	جار	gar	neighbour	□□□
41	مراتي	mirati	my wife	□□□	54	اسم	ism	name	□□□
42	صاحب	sahib	friend (m)	□□□	55	حد	had	someone, anyone	□□□
43	صاحبة	sahba	friend (f)	□□□					

GROUP 3. QUESTIONS, TIME & PLACE

WORDS 56 TO 95

#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7	#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7
56	إيه	eh	what	□□□	76	بالليل	bil-leil	at night	□□□
57	فين	fein	where	□□□	77	يوم	yom	day	□□□
58	إمتى	imta	when	□□□	78	أسبوع	usbu'	week	□□□
59	ليه	leh	why	□□□	79	شهر	shahr	month	□□□
60	مين	min	who	□□□	80	سنة	sana	year	□□□
61	إزاي	izzay	how	□□□	81	ساعة	sa'a	hour, clock	□□□
62	كام	kam	how many	□□□	82	دقيقة	da'i'a	minute	□□□
63	بكام	bikam	how much (price)	□□□	83	فوق	fo'	up, above	□□□
64	أنهي	anhi	which	□□□	84	تحت	taht	down, under	□□□
65	النهارده	innaharda	today	□□□	85	قدام	'uddam	in front of	□□□
66	بكرة	bukra	tomorrow	□□□	86	ورا	wara	behind	□□□
67	إمبارح	imbarih	yesterday	□□□	87	جنب	ganb	next to	□□□
68	دلوقتي	dilwa'ti	now	□□□	88	جوه	guwwa	inside	□□□

69	بعدين ba'dein	later, afterwards	□□□	89	بره barra	outside	□□□
70	قبل 'abl	before	□□□	90	على 'ala	on	□□□
71	بعد ba'd	after	□□□	91	في fi	in; there is	□□□
72	دائماً dayman	always	□□□	92	من min	from	□□□
73	ساعات sa'at	sometimes	□□□	93	لـ li	to, for	□□□
74	أبداً abadan	never, at all	□□□	94	مع ma'a	with	□□□
75	الصبح es-subh	in the morning	□□□	95	عند 'and	at (someone's), have	□□□

Note on 91 and 160: *fi* is both "in" (*fi masr*, in Egypt) and "there is" (*fi mayya?* is there water?). Its negative "there isn't" is *mafish* (word 160). *'and* (95) means "at someone's place" and is how Egyptians say "to have": *'andi* I have, *'andak* you have.

GROUP 4. FOOD & HOME

WORDS 96 TO 120

#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7	#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7
96	أكل	akl	food	□□□	109	أوضة	oda	room	□□□
97	مِية	mayya	water	□□□	110	باب	bab	door	□□□
98	شاي	shay	tea	□□□	111	شباك	shibbak	window	□□□
99	قهوة	'ahwa	coffee; café	□□□	112	مطبخ	matbakh	kitchen	□□□
100	عيش	'eish	bread	□□□	113	حمام	hammam	bathroom	□□□
101	لبن	laban	milk	□□□	114	سرير	sirir	bed	□□□
102	سكر	sukkar	sugar	□□□	115	ترابيزة	tarabeza	table	□□□
103	لحمة	lahma	meat	□□□	116	كرسي	kursi	chair	□□□
104	فراخ	firakh	chicken	□□□	117	عربية	'arabiyya	car	□□□
105	سمك	samak	fish	□□□	118	شارع	shari'	street	□□□
106	فاكهة	fakha	fruit	□□□	119	سوق	su'	market	□□□
107	خضار	khudar	vegetables	□□□	120	مكتب	maktab	office, desk	□□□
108	بيت	beit	house, home	□□□					

GROUP 5. VERBS & VERB-LIKE WORDS

WORDS 121 TO 160

#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7	#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7
121	بيروح	biyruh	he goes	□□□	141	بيقدر	biyi'dar	he can	□□□
122	بيجي	biyigi	he comes	□□□	142	بيستنى	biyistanna	he waits	□□□
123	بيعمل	biyi'mil	he does, makes	□□□	143	بيفكر	biyfakkar	he thinks	□□□
124	يياكل	biyakul	he eats	□□□	144	يحاول	biyhawil	he tries	□□□

125	بيشرب	biyishrab	he drinks	□□□	145	بيفتح	biyiftah	he opens	□□□
126	يعرف	biyi'raf	he knows	□□□	146	يغلق	biyi'fil	he closes	□□□
127	يقول	biy'ul	he says	□□□	147	يلعب	biyil'ab	he plays	□□□
128	يشوف	biyshuf	he sees	□□□	148	يسأل	biyis'al	he asks	□□□
129	يتكلم	biyitkallim	he speaks	□□□	149	يجاب	biygawib	he answers	□□□
130	يفهم	biyifham	he understands	□□□	150	يساعد	biysa'id	he helps	□□□
131	يشتغل	biyishtaghal	he works	□□□	151	يتعلم	biyit'allim	he learns	□□□
132	ينام	biynam	he sleeps	□□□	152	يسافر	biysafir	he travels	□□□
133	يشترى	biyishtiri	he buys	□□□	153	يسكن	biyuskun	he lives (in a place)	□□□
134	يدفع	biyidfa'	he pays	□□□	154	يسمع	biyisma'	he hears, listens	□□□
135	ياخذ	biyakhud	he takes	□□□	155	يحتاج	biyihtag	he needs	□□□
136	ييدي	biyiddi	he gives	□□□	156	عايز	'ayiz	want (I want, he wants)	□□□
137	يحب	biyhibb	he loves, likes	□□□	157	لازم	lazim	must, have to	□□□
138	يقرأ	biyi'ra	he reads	□□□	158	ممكن	mumkin	can, maybe	□□□
139	يكتب	biyiktib	he writes	□□□	159	كان	kan	was	□□□
140	يمشي	biyimshi	he walks, leaves	□□□	160	مفيش	mafish	there isn't, none	□□□

Why "he"? The biy- form (he does) is the dictionary form of spoken Egyptian. Swap the prefix for the other persons: *ba-* I (bashrab), *bit-* you (m) / she (bitishrab), *bin-* we (binishrab), *biy-* he / they (biyishrabu). Worksheet 5 drills this.

GROUP 6. ADJECTIVES & DESCRIPTIONS

WORDS 161 TO 185

#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7	#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7
161	كويس	kwayyis	good, fine	□□□	174	سخن	sukhn	hot	□□□
162	وحش	wihish	bad	□□□	175	برد	bard	cold	□□□
163	كبير	kibir	big; old (person)	□□□	176	جعان	ga'an	hungry	□□□
164	صغير	sughayyar	small; young	□□□	177	عطشان	'atshan	thirsty	□□□
165	جديد	gidid	new	□□□	178	تعبان	ta'ban	tired, unwell	□□□
166	قديم	'adim	old (thing)	□□□	179	مبسوط	mabsut	happy	□□□
167	حلو	helw	nice, sweet, pretty	□□□	180	زعلان	za'lan	upset, sad	□□□
168	غالي	ghali	expensive	□□□	181	مشغول	mashghul	busy	□□□
169	رخيص	rakhis	cheap	□□□	182	فاضي	fadi	free, empty	□□□
170	سهل	sahl	easy	□□□	183	جميل	gamil	beautiful	□□□

171	صعب sa'b	difficult	□□□	184	كثير kitir	a lot, many	□□□
172	قريب 'urayyib	near, close	□□□	185	شوية shwayya	a little, a few	□□□
173	بعيد bi'id	far	□□□				

GROUP 7. SURVIVAL & POLITENESS

WORDS 186 TO 200

#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7	#	ARABIC	SAY IT	ENGLISH	D1 D3 D7
186	لو سمحت law samaht		please; excuse me	□□□	194	مع السلامة ma'a s-salama		goodbye	□□□
187	شكراً shukran		thank you	□□□	195	مش فاهم mish fahim		I don't understand	□□□
188	العفو el-'afw		you're welcome	□□□	196	بالراحة bir-raha		slowly, gently	□□□
189	معلش ma'lesh		never mind, sorry	□□□	197	تاني tani		again; another	□□□
190	إن شاء الله in sha' Allah		God willing	□□□	198	أوي awi		very (after a word)	□□□
191	الحمد لله el-hamdulillah		thank God; fine	□□□	199	يا ريت ya reit		I wish, if only	□□□
192	مبروك mabruk		congratulations	□□□	200	عن إذنك 'an iznak		excuse me (leaving)	□□□
193	أهلاً ahlan		hi, welcome	□□□					

Ex. 1 20 sentences built only from the list

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Every word below is in your list (plus the usual endings: 'andak = 'and + ak, bitruh = the "you" form of biyruh). Read all 20 out loud, then translate sentences 1 to 10 into English on the line. This is the Day-7 page.

1	أنا عايز شاي. ana 'ayiz shay.	2	عندك مية؟ 'andak mayya?
3	الأكل حلو أوي. el-akl helw awi.	4	هو مش هنا دلوقتي. huwwa mish hina dilwa'ti.
5	البيت قريب من السوق. el-beit 'urayyib min es-su'.	6	إنت جعان؟ أيوه، أوي. enta ga'an? aywa, awi.
7	هي بتشتغل في مكتب. hiyya bitishtghal fi maktab.	8	إحنا عايزين قهوة، لو سمحت. ehna 'ayzin 'ahwa, law samaht.
9	بكرا أنا مشغول. bukra ana mashghul.	10	العربية دي غالية أوي. el-'arabiyya di ghalya awi.

11. بابا بينام الصبح.
baba biynam es-subh.

12. صاحبي بيتكلم كثير.
sahbi biyitkallim kitir.

13. مفيش سكر في المطبخ.
mafish sukkar fil-matbakh.

14. إنت بتروح فين؟
enta bitruh fein?

15. أنا تعبنا شوية النهارده.
ana ta'ban shwayya innaharda.

16. البنت دي أختي.
el-bint di ukhti.

17. لازم أمشي دلوقتي، مع السلامة.
lazim amshi dilwa'ti, ma'a s-salama.

18. ممكن تاني، بالراحة؟
mumkin tani, bir-raha?

19. مبروك! البيت الجديد جميل.
mabruk! el-beit el-gidid gamil.

20. معلش، أنا مش فاهم.
ma'lesh, ana mish fahim.

Three habits that make the words stay

- **Say it, don't read it.** Your mouth has to do the work. Three times out loud beats ten times in your head.
- **Put it in a sentence you could say this week.** ana 'ayiz shay sticks; 'ayiz = want does not.
- **Group, don't alphabetise.** That is why the list is in seven groups: you meet the words the way you will use them.

Ex. 2 Opposites

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Write the opposite from the box next to each word.

wara rakhis taht sughayyar bard wihish bi'id za'lan 'adim
sa'b

1 kibir _____

2 gidid _____

3 ghali _____

4 sahl _____

5 'urayyib _____

6 sukhn _____

7 mabsut _____

8 kwayyis _____

9 fo' _____

10 'uddam _____

Ex. 3 Odd one out

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Circle the word that does not belong, then say why in one word (food, family, time ...).

1	shay	'ahwa	laban	kursi
2	baba	mama	ukht	shari'
3	kibir	bukra	imbarih	innaharda
4	biyakul	biyishrab	beit	biynam
5	fo'	taht	wara	helw
6	ga'an	'atshan	ta'ban	matbakh

Ex. 4 Build your own

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Write five sentences about your day. Each one uses at least three words from the list. Then say them out loud without reading.

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4

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Day-7 self-test

Cover the Say-it column. Let someone (or your finger) pick 50 random English words. Say each one in Egyptian Arabic. Count your hits. 40 or more: move on to the next worksheet. Fewer: repeat Day 3 and Day 5.

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Done? Speaking check

- ☐ I said every word out loud on the day I learned it, not just read it.
- ☐ I read all 20 sentences out loud at normal speed.
- ☐ I said my five sentences from Ex. 4 to another person, or recorded them.

Answer key

For teachers and self-learners. Remove this page before handing the sheet out in class.

Ex. 1 1 I want tea. · 2 Do you have water? · 3 The food is very good. · 4 He is not here now. · 5 The house is near the market. · 6 Are you hungry? Yes, very. · 7 She works in an office. · 8 We want coffee, please. · 9 Tomorrow I'm busy. · 10 This car is very expensive. (11 to 20, for reference: Dad sleeps in the morning. · My friend talks a lot. · There is no sugar in the kitchen. · Where are you going? · I'm a bit tired today. · This girl is my sister. · I have to go now, goodbye. · Again, slowly, please? · Congratulations! The new house is beautiful. · Sorry, I don't understand.)

Ex. 2 1 kibir / sughayyar · 2 gidid / 'adim · 3 ghali / rakhis · 4 sahl / sa'b · 5 'urayyib / bi'id · 6 sukhn / bard · 7 mabsut / za'lan · 8 kwayyis / wihish · 9 fo' / taht · 10 'uddam / wara

Ex. 3 1 kursi (the others are drinks) · 2 shari' (family) · 3 kibir (time words) · 4 beit (verbs) · 5 helw (place words) · 6 matbakh (how you feel)

Ex. 4 Open answer. A model: ana bashrab 'ahwa es-subh. · baba biyishtaghal fi maktab. · el-akl fil-beit helw awi. · bukra ana mashghul shwayya. · ukhti bitiskun 'urayyib min es-su'.

TEACHER'S NOTES

- Use the sheet as a running vocabulary programme over seven lessons: one group (25 to 40 words) as a 10-minute warm-up, choral repetition from the Arabic, then pairs quiz each other from the English column.
- Dictation works well from lesson 3 on: you say the word, students write the transliteration. Do not test Arabic-script spelling at A1; recognising the script is enough at this stage.
- The Day 1 / Day 3 / Day 7 boxes are spaced repetition. Insist that students tick only when they can produce the word, not when they recognise it.
- The sentence page (Ex. 1) is the test: if a student can read all 20 sentences fluently and translate ten, the core vocabulary is in place for Worksheets 3 to 5.
- The list is curated from Egyptian Arabic coursebooks and spoken-corpus studies by usefulness in conversation. It is not a strict frequency count; a true frequency list would be full of grammar particles and name no food.

WHAT NEXT

This is the last sheet of the Egyptian Arabic Starter Pack. Start the series again with Worksheet 1 (the alphabet) if you skipped it, or find all six sheets at yallahspeak.com/worksheets/egyptian-arabic.

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