

Learn Before We Go: Part II



Last time in our Learn Before We Go series, we looked at some recommended films and books about Morocco. In Part II, we bring you Moroccan Arabic. Here are some useful basics to make your interactions with hotel staff, hosts, and locals that much more authentic!

Commonly Used Moroccan Arabic Phrases

Hello (“peace be with you”): salam	Bon appetit/enjoy your meal: besseha!
Good bye: beslama	I’m from...: ana men ...
Thank you: shokran	Pleased to meet you: metsherrfin
You are welcome: marhba bik- oum	Cheers (toast when drinking): besseha!
No, thank you: la shokran	My name is...: smitii...
Please: afak	This is delicious: hadshi bneen
No: la	I like it: jbani
Yes: ayeh	I don’t like it: ma ajbaneesh
How much? (price): shahal ta- man?	How do you say... in Arabic? kiifash kayguuluu... bel arabiiya?
Good: mezyan	I want/I like...: bgheet...
Sorry: aasif	Enough: safi
It’s ok/not a problem: mashi moshkil	Friend: sah bi (man)/sah beti (woman)
I don’t understand: ma fhemtsh	Where? feen?
Can you help me? wakha tawnni?	When? foqash
How are you? la bas?	Family: aa ila
I’m fine: la bas	Oh! Ok! wakha!
Where is ...? fin...?	Husband: ra jeli
What’s your name? shno smitek?	Wife: mer ati
Is it far? wash lblassa beaida	I am sick: ana meridd
Tomorrow: gheda	I am tired: yeane
Take care: thalla	

To continue your Moroccan Arabic education visit <http://www.loecsen.com/en/learn-arabic-moroccan>.

There are also a number of videos on YouTube offering a basic audio introduction to Moroccan expressions. [This one](#) is quite short, but a good place to start.

Important! Since there's no one single standard way to transcribe Arabic script into roman letters, you can find various spellings of the same word online. For example, "Thank you" can be written as "Choukran," "shokran," "shukran" and so on; however, they all are pronounced in a very similar way.
