

This course is designed to help learners improve their pronunciation, and reduce the foreignness in their speech. It focuses on consonants that are problematic for Arab learners, drills students on vowels and diphthongs, and trains them on rapid connected speech inclusive of stress patterns and intonation. Furthermore, it coaches them on how to give and convey greetings, make introductions, say goodbye, deal with language problems, ask for information, offer suggestions, give and accept opinions, express agreement and disagreement, extend formal and informal invitations, and display politeness in speech and in manners. The course also alludes to elements of culture that relate to inter-personal communication and to levels of formality in spoken language.