

Teaching material for introduction to the Arabic language workshop

(1.5 hours workshop + optional break)

Hi I'm Khaled from Syria. I am a biology student, novelist and guitar player. Arabic Language has been always my passion. I have done more than 80 Arabic language workshops for non-speakers since 2015 . Below you will find the materials that I use in my TeachSurfing workshops. It is also encouraged to invite your arabic speaking friends to join your workshop as volunteers. If you have any questions you can always contact me through the TeachSurfing website. حظاً طيباً!

Here is some essential information about my typical workshop so you can do it on your own:

Introduction to the Arabic language

What will the participants learn? (workshop goals)

The aim of this workshop is to give a first experience of the Arabic language to participants enabled by interactive practices with native speakers. After the workshop, participants will learn:

1. Three letters so they can write their first word.
2. How to write their names (in the practice time)
3. Five basic sentences (introducing yourself, greeting people)
4. To sing the greetings song (you can find it within the presentation)

Who can attend this workshop?(target group)

The target group is anyone with limited or no prior knowledge of Arabic. The content of the workshop is prepared in English, so the participants should have basic knowledge of English. Of course you can adjust and translate the content to any other language, like German or Spanish.

Agenda:

- Section 1:Introduction about TeachSurfing, yourself and the first contact with audience (10 min)
- Section 2:Introduction to the Arabic language (history, myths, logic) (15 min)
- Section 3:Introduction to the alphabet and the theory of arms (20 min)
- Section 4:Introduction to starter words and singing a song (20 min)
- Section 5:Practice with volunteers in small groups (25 min)

Material (presentation & worksheets):

- Presentations (ppt)

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZoqNsgcAvH03IKZdWqI1LlonBOVAZZWODRbgZojPIKo/edit?usp=sharing>

- Worksheets (PDF)

For section 3:

1- The alphabet and short intro:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0ByntOFyAgGWJYUpEWXpnczFIQzg>

2- Alphabet all forms (the Guide)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0ByntOFyAgGWJeHpRWVdEaIBxV1U>

For section 5:

1- A worksheet:

<https://www.education.com/worksheet/article/arabic-calligraphy-alif/>

2- B worksheet:

<https://www.education.com/worksheet/article/how-to-write-in-arabic-ba/>

3- N worksheet:

<https://www.education.com/worksheet/article/arabic-for-kids-nun/>

For section 4:

Greetings :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FHhnt3BwcQdpw0dvtrSldEK4flrYue3P/view?usp=sharing>

References for the worksheets and videos :

- Arabiconline.eu
- Arabicpod101.com
- Education.com

Participants stories and impressions:

<https://www.teachsurfing.org/#/stories/69>

<https://www.teachsurfing.org/#/stories/36>

<https://www.teachsurfing.org/#/stories/46>

<https://www.teachsurfing.org/#/stories/47>

My Story:

Khaled Khudr

My name is Khaled from Syria, biologist, biochemist, guitar player, novelist and theater actor. I am ambitious, outgoing, and hardworking person. Biology, music, linguistics and social work are the spheres where I always find inspiration to continue my progress with passion and compassion. During my studies on biochemistry, my social work and my art interests I have been developing my analytical skills and sharpening my problem-solving expertise. Under excruciating conditions in my war-torn beloved home country, I left Syria and had a very long journey until I reached Germany where I tried to start a new life. I heard from my friend that there was an organization called TeachSurfing who needed an arabic teacher and this is how my story began.

I remember the first day I met TeachSurfing team in 2015 as it happened yesterday. Migan the co-founder asked about my experiences and then chose me to be the first TeachSurfer. The values and goals of TeachSurfing attracted my attention the first time I heard them. I knew at that time that my dreams had begun to come true and I would have the chance to share my knowledge and give something back to the community whatever the sources or the abilities I had at that time. TeachSurfing gave me the unique opportunity to become myself again after the circumstances I had according to my country situation. I started my Arabic courses and Syrian culture workshops with TeachSurfing, I even traveled with them to Armenia learn and teach, until I became part of the team responsible for training and supervising new TeachSurfers.

Throughout my life I have always had a keen interest in cosmopolitanism. It is an honour for me a dream to display a good example of my own culture and language, and to work with people from different backgrounds and cultures. This bright aim which comes true with TeachSurfing will always motivate me, heighten my resolution and energize my passion to study, explore, share and flourish.

To tell you more about my experiences I have 12 years experience in teaching:

- Over 80 Arabic and culture courses for non-speakers since 2015
- Guitar private tutoring since 2010
- Natural Sciences and English since 2009
- Arabic for Arabic speakers since 2003
- 2 years experience with TeachSurfing in organizing workshops as a TeachSurfer or as a trainer and supervisor.
- I worked at the students center in my university as a supervisor to help with presentations and researches preparation.
- I was privileged to be a team leader in a university project on local biodiversity, Damascus University, Syria (2009-2010). I directed the production, visualization and presentation of the collective work.

I also have experience in fields like Biology, writing, Music, theatre and sign language. As well as many volunteer work days in Germany with FU, SPD, Bundestag, Deutsch plus, AWO, and other organizations.

It is my hope that TeachSurfing will be as fun and meaningful for you as it has been for me, and that the materials I have provided for my Arabic lessons can also help you to share this beautiful language with the world.