

Arabic (phonetic)

“This word in Arabic sounds like...”

These words are ‘phonetic’ so read them as an English word would sound. They are never perfect; there are often ‘dialects’ so a parent might help adjust where needed!

Hello	Bye	Sit	Come	 SOUNDS LIKE
mar-haban	ma-as-salaamah	ijlis	ta-aal	

Quiet	Food	Stop!	Thanks
ih-da	akil	tawaq-qaf!	shuk-ran

Sleep	Hat	Coat	Hungry?
naam	qobba-aa	mi-e-taff / baaltu	jaw-aan

Thirsty?	Drink	Bottle	Dummy
att-shaan	ish-rab	zoojaa-jah	lo-ba

More	Enough	It is OK	Toilet
ak-thar	kifaa-yah	ha-dha jay-yid	ham-maam

Tired	Nappy	Outside	Inside
ta-e-baan	haf-faadh	bil-khaa-rij	bid-daa-khil

Share	Good	Please
ta-shaa-rak	jay-yid!	min-fadh-lak

Lie down	Play time
is-tal-quee	waqtul-la-ib

Wash hands	Well done
igh-sil ee-dak	mom-taaz!

Mum is coming	Dad is coming
maamaa jay-yah	Baabaa jaay

1	2	3	4	5
waa-hid	ith-nayn	tha-laa-thah	ar-ba-ah	kham-sah

* To make the pronunciation of the Arabic words easier, a dash is inserted between the main syllables of each word. It is essential to pronounce the vowel after the dash for the pronunciation to be clearer and more comprehensible to the Arabic-speaking person.

* Arabic translation of the verbs and adjectives (e.g. come, thirsty) is in the singular and masculine form.