

## Bayt Bushra Teaches Arabic

### Level 1 - Lesson 6 : I want + noun 🐱🐱 بدي

The first verb we will learn in our series is بدي which means ‘I want’. It is unique to the Levant since there are more than 10 ways to say ‘want’ in various Arabic dialects.

You (masc. sing.)	Inte beddak	أنتَ بَدَّك
You (fem. sing.)	Inti biddek	أنتِ بَدَّك
You (pl.)	Intu bidkon/ Intu bidkom	أنتو بَدكن / أنتو بَدكم
They	Hinne bidon / hummeh bidhom	هَنّ بَدهن / هم بَدهم
He	Huwweh biddo	هو بَدّو
She	Hiyyeh bidha	هي بَدها
I	Ana biddee	أنا بَدّي
We	Nihna bidna	نحن بَدنا

\*The MSA verb is أريد **ureedu** يريد **yureedu** تريد **tureedu** etc.

Firstly, why are there two ways for the ‘you plural’ form and the ‘they’ form? These are subtle differences in regions within the Levant. In Syria you will hear the form أنتو بَدكن and هَنّ بَدهن whereas in Jordan or Palestine you might hear أنتو بَدكم or هم بَدهم more often.

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So what can you do with this word **بِدِّي**? You can express what you want by adding a noun after! This is used for ordering food in a restaurant or cafe too. Do you want a coffee? **بِدِّي قهوة biddee 'aqhweh**. Do you want a shawarma? **بِدِّي شاورما biddee shawarma**. Do you want a pet rabbit? **بِدِّي أرنب biddee arnab**. Do you want a notebook? **بِدِّي دفتر biddee daftar**.

You can also make this into a question by raising your intonation at the end. You want **بِدَّك** and do you want **بِدَّك** are spelled the same. The way you say it could indicate a question too.

*NOTE: often you will see the subject pronoun dropped from the sentence to sound more natural. This happens because the subject is implied through the conjugation of the verb.*

Sample dialogue:

A - سلمى، بَدَّك شاي؟

Salma, biddek shay?

Salma, do you want tea?

B - نعم. بَدِّي شاي، من فضلك.

Na'am. Biddee shay, min fadlik.

Yes. I want tea, please.

A - السلام عليكم. بَدِّكم تَطْلَبو؟

Assalamu alaikum. Bidkom titlebu?

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Hello. Do you want to order?

B - نعم. بدنا مشاوي، لو سمحت.

Na'am. Bidna mashaawee, law samahit.

Yes. We want barbeque, please.

### QUIZ:

Tell me what your friends want to eat now. Use هو or هي or هُنَّ or هم.

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How do you say 'do you want' in Arabic?

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BONUS: check out my food e-book on my website [baytbushrateachesarabic.com](http://baytbushrateachesarabic.com) which will use this verb يَدِّي and teach you over 100 new vocabulary words related to food and how to order food in Arabic!

١. هُنَّ يَدَّهْن (ياكلو) ... / هُم يَدَّهْم (ياكلو) ... / هُو يَدُو (ياكل) ... / هِيَ يَدِّهَا (تاكل) ...  
٢. يَدَّكَ؟