Level 2 - Lesson 1 : My name is … 😇 اسمي …

Welcome to the first lesson of level 2. Ahlan wa sahlan أهلا وسهلا. After saying hello, the next step is to tell your name! To introduce yourself you can say اسمي and then tell your name. I’ll go first, اسمي بشرى.

This word includes اسم and the possessive suffix ي which indicate it belongs to ‘me’. You can use ي next to a noun to make it yours.

Usually people will respond with their اسم but if they don’t then you can ask them شو اسمَك (shoo ismak) to a guy and شو اسمِك (shoo ismek) to a girl.

Did you see how اسم had other letters added to it? The ي makes it mine and the ك ending makes it yours. You will learn the possessive suffixes in a later lesson.

BONUS: To say ‘nice to meet you’ in Arabic you can say تشرفنا (tasharrafna) literally meaning ‘we are honored’. And the response is الشرف الي (asharaf ily) meaning ‘the honor is mine’.

QUIZ:

Write your name in Arabic.

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Ask someone their name in Arabic.

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