

## Bayt Bushra Teaches Arabic

Level 1 - Lesson 4 : I He She We You They 🙏 أنا هو هي نحن أنت هم

This is the first official introduction of the subject pronouns. Instead of saying the person's name you are talking about you can use pronouns to shorten your sentences and sound more natural.

It's also the first lesson where we compare Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) to spoken Levantine Arabic. Let's start with the MSA pronouns:

ana - I - أنا

huwwa - He - هو

hiya - She - هي

nahnu - We - نحن

anta - You male - أنتَ

anti - You female - أنتِ

antumaa - You dual - أنتما

antum - You plural co-ed group - أنتم

antunn - You plural all female group - أنتنَّ

huma - Them dual - هما

hum - Them co-ed group - هم

hunn - Them all female group - هنَّ

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Do not be nervous! It is so much easier in Levantine Arabic. Here are the pronouns in Levantine Arabic and how the pronunciation differs:

ana - I - أنا

huwweh - He - هو

heyveh - She - هي

nihna - We - نحن

inte - You male - أنتَ

inter - You female - أنتِ

intu - You plural - أنتو

hummeH - Them - همّ

hinneH - Them - هنّ

In Levantine Arabic we have less pronouns for 'you' and it makes it easier! The difference between همّ and هنّ is that همّ is used more in Jordan and Palestine whereas هنّ is used more in Syria and Lebanon.

Another thing you might see is that أنتِ is sometimes written as انتي to emphasize that I am talking to you, a girl. This is especially used in casual settings like social media or text messages.

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Sample sentences:

١. هو نشيط

Huwwe nasheet

He is energetic.

٢. نحن تعبائين.

Nehna ta'baaneen

We are tired.

QUIZ:

How many forms for 'you' does MSA have?

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How many forms for 'you' does Levantine Arabic have?

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٢. 3