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هذا هذه هاد هاي 🎥 Level 1 - Lesson 5 : This is...

To start speaking Arabic right away you can use these words: ماي and ماي. It means this and... well, this. Why are there two words for 'this'? Arabic, like many other world languages, has gendered objects. A chair is masculine while a table is feminine.

This (masc.): الما had

This (fem.): هاي hay

\*The MSA words are hatha (masc.) and hathihi (fem.).

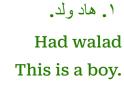
To make a short, simple, yet effective sentence you can simply put عام or هاد with the name of the object you are showing. You can say ماد بيت to show the house which is a masculine noun meaning house. You can also show a feminine noun like هاي فراشة which is a butterfly.

Notice that although I did not write a verb in this sentence, Arabic does not need a verb here. This says "this *is* a house" and "this *is* a butterfly" respectively.

NOTE: *most* nouns that end in are feminine nouns. Exceptions include fire الماء | water الماء | sun الماء | earth الماء | sky الماء | which are all feminine words that do not end with .

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## Sample sentences:



**QUIZ:** 

Write down something you have near you. Use هاي or هاد to say 'this is ...'.

How do you say 'this is a girl' in Levantine Arabic?

BONUS: find the names of 5 objects near you in Arabic. Record yourself saying ماد or ياع and tell me what you have near you. Tag me! @baytbushrateachesarabic on Instagram or TikTok.