


## Bayt Bushra Teaches Arabic

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

To start speaking Arabic right away you can use these words: هاد and هاي. 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.): هاد **had**

This (fem.): هاي **hay**

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

To make a short, simple, yet effective sentence you can simply put هاد or هاي with the name of the object you are showing. You can say هاد 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 ة are feminine nouns. Exceptions include fire نار | water ماء | girl بنت | sun شمس | earth أرض | sky سماء which are all feminine words that do not end with ة.

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Sample sentences:

١. هاد ولد.

Had walad

This is a boy.

٢. هاد قميص.

Had qamees

This is a shirt.

٣. هاي بنت.

Hay binit

This is a girl.

٤. هاي كاسة.

Hay kaseh

This is a cup.

QUIZ:

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

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

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

١. هاي (قهوة). هاد (تلفون).

٢. هاي بنت.