

Levantine Arabic transcript:

هديل: الأردن موجوده في الشرق الأوسط حوالي إسرائيل و مصر والعراق وسوريا. وجوها يعني شوي حامي بس في الربيع كمان الجول حلو بس كمان حامي يعني.
هبة: كيف بالشتا؟

هديل: بالشتا. كثير برد. كثير كثير برد.

هبة: وبأيش مشهورة الأردن؟

هديل: أكثر إشي مشهوره البحر الميت "The Dead Sea" وكمان البترا. والبترا " is located Dead " و "close to Aqaba, which is city located in southern Jordan. Sea "قريبه على الـ" borders of Israel and Jordan." البحر الميت ..الناس بستعملوا الـ "minerals for a lot of lotions and stuff like that, it helps with the " spend their " يعني بيحجوا " skin, and a lot of people form other countries "vacations هناك..

English translation:

Hadeel: Jordan is in the Middle East, between Israel, Egypt, Iraq and Syria. The weather is a little hot. But in spring the weather is nice, although it's hot.

Heba: How is it in winter?

Hadeel: It's really cold. Really, really cold!

Heba: What is Jordan famous for?

Hadeel: It is famous for the Dead Sea and also Petra. Petra is located close to Aqaba, which is a city located in southern Jordan. The Dead Sea is close to the borders of Israel and Jordan. People use the minerals from the Dead Sea for lotions and stuff like that – it helps with your skin. A lot of people from other countries such as Europe come and spend their vacations there.

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