**Levantine Arabic Study Guide 21**

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**Materials to study:**

Syrian Colloquial Arabic, Unit 6 “When did you arrive?” – Conversation and Functions A – C

**Practice and prepare for conversation session:**

* Work your way through the audio and exercises for Functions A – C. Make up variations to the exercises orally in order to get as much practice as possible using the past tense for the various verb types.
* Make an extensive list of all the Levantine verbs that you can now use in the past tense. Practice making up sentences and short narratives using all of the verbs you know. Vary your practice:
  + Talk about what you did in the past: “I …”
  + Talk about what you did with others in the past: “We …”
  + Talk about what some else did in the past (singular, male and female): “She …” and “He …”
  + Talk about what multiple other people did in the past: “They …”
  + Tell someone about what he or she did in the past: “You (male) …” and “You (female) …”
  + Tell a group of people about what they did in the past: “You (plural) …”
* Practice incorporating date and time expressions into your statements: day of the week, months, the day of the month, and the general time expressions on p. 215.
* Practice describing things that took place in the past: What did you do this morning? Yesterday? Last Monday? Last week? Last summer? Be prepared to practice describing things that took place in the past and making up stories about things in the past in your conversation session.