**Levantine Arabic Study Guide 28**

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**Materials to study:**

Syrian Colloquial Arabic, Unit 8 “What shall we do on the holiday?” – Functions C – D (do exercises and use audio mp3 files)

**Practice and prepare for conversation session:**

* Work your way through the audio and exercises for Functions C and D. Make up variations on the exercises and do them orally.
* Practice pairing nouns with verbs that might be used with that noun. Go through the many nouns and verbs in these functions and pair them. What do you do with a mop? What do you do with a ladder? What does a pilot do? Practice using related nouns and verbs together.
* Imagine your house is a mess. You are the parent, oldest sibling, or the most responsible housemate. You need to rally everyone to stop doing what they are doing and get going on cleaning house. Make a list of 15 instructions you can give to get everyone to stop doing what they are doing and get going on cleaning the house. Be prepared to compare lists in conversation session and practice giving and responding to instructions.
* Imagine you give up and decide to hire a housecleaner to get the house clean. Practice giving instructions to the housecleaner. Try to use all the nouns on p. 328 and give an appropriate instruction for each noun. Be prepared to do this in your conversation session.
* Go through the list of tools and things on p. 333. Practice asking where the tool is located and stating what you want to do with it. Practice answering questions about where the tool is: “Where is the scissors? I need to cut some paper.” “The scissors is on the desk.” Be prepared to do this in your conversation session.
* Go through the list of occupations on p. 335. Practice telling about someone who does that occupation and say something about what the person does or where they do it. Be prepared to do this in your conversation session.
* You want to rent a car. You need a cheap car. Role play hiring a cheap car. Your conversation partner will play the role of the car rental clerk. Then do the exercise again, but hire a fancy car.