## CultureTalk Arab Levant Video Transcripts: http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu Brand Names and Prestige

## **Levantine Arabic transcript:**

هبه: شو الأشياء إلي بتلبسيها وهيك؟ المرأه: اوكي. إنوهلا إنوهسا في الأردن يَعني بترجَع هاي الشَغلة للعيله وللحالة المادية يمكن للأهل. في إنو الناس إلي زي الطبقات إنو صاروا في الأردن، في الطبقة عاديه، أنو بيشتروا أواعيهم عادي من أي مكان واللبس، لبسهم عادي متل ما بلبسوا ماركات وما بلبسوا... إنو هاي بترجع هاي مثلاً...أنا أنو بشتري ممكن إنو أشتري من أربد، طبعاً من أماكن معينه بشتري، من محلات معينه ...في أغلب لِبسي بكون في هيك ماركات وفي إنو هيك ...لأ، هيك يعني.

هبه: في ناس كتير بتحب الماركات؟

المرأه: هلأ أنو صارت يمكن هي صارت شغلة إنو بقولو prestige أو بشغلة موضه إنُّو أنا بشتري من هون...أو بين الشباب وبين البنات... إنُّو لبسي أنا من هون...لبسي أنا من هون...بكون لبس الأماكن هاي والمحلات هاي والماركات هاي بتكون لبس معروف.. إنُّو في كتير نسبه منهم (...) في الجامعة، ممكن إنهم بما بكونوا قد هاي الشغلات أو أد هاد المصروف.. إنُّو لأ بشتروه، إنُّو لازم، حسَب.

## **English translation:**

Heba (behind camera): What are the things that you wear?

Woman: Okay. Now in Jordan this thing goes back to the family and the material status of the parents. People have social classes in Jordan. There is the normal class: they buy their clothes and their dress from anywhere; their dress is normal [and] they do not wear brands, and they do not wear ... [incoherent statements] ... I buy, I may buy in Irbid; of course, I buy from certain places. Most of my clothes are brands, and there are no [brands] ... no, something like that, I mean.

Heba: Are there many people who like brands?

Woman: Now it has become a matter, as they say, of prestige, or a matter of fashion. That I buy [my clothes] from here...or between boys and girls, [they say] that my clothes are from here...my clothes are from here. The clothing of these places or these stores or these brands is known clothing. There is a large percentage of them [those who wear this kind of clothing] in the university. They might not afford these things or these expenses; still they buy, [as if] a must; it depends.

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