

Levantine Arabic transcript:

عنا بحار كثيرة منها البحر الميت والبحر المتوسط وبحيرة طبريا. البحر الميت هو أشد البحار ملوحة، وكما يستفيد منه الفلسطينيون في كثير شغلات. يعني المزارعين بوخذوا منوا الأملاح، يستخرجوا منوا الأملاح، بوخذوا المياه أولاً، وبعدين بوخذوا منوا الأملاح. كما أنو مفيد الطين إلي عندو. الطين غلي عندو يستخدموه بدهنوا منوا البشره، بروحوا الناس بحطوا على حالهم منو، بحطوا على حالهم، بمسح الأمراض، كما أنو يعني برضوا نسيت أقول البحر الميت مياهه مفيدة جداً للأمراض الجلدية. وكمان السباحة فيه سهلة جداً لأنو بسبب الملوحة بغدر الواحد أنو يطيش عليه. هو قريب من مدينة أريحا جداً، لذلك يروح عليه كثير من الناس للإستجمام هناك. وهو منطقة معتدلة في الشتاء حارة في الصيف. فيبذهبوا الناس للإستجمام والسباحة فيه، كما هناك يستطيع أن يذهب عليه كثير من الرحلات المدرسية للطلاب في نهاية العام.

English translation:

We have a few seas or lakes in and around Palestine: the Dead Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Lake of Tabariyah. The Dead Sea is the saltiest known sea. Palestinians benefit from it in a number of ways. For instance, the farmers extract the minerals after evaporating the water. The mud itself is used for health purposes. People rub it on their skin as one of the ways to get rid of certain illnesses, not to mention that the water of the Dead Sea is a potent way to fight and heal some forms of skin disease. Finally, swimming in the Dead Sea is so easy. Due to its extremely salty water, people can float on the surface. The Dead Sea is close to the city of Jericho. Therefore, people from Jericho have become accustomed to going there to relax. The weather there is usually mild in winter and hot in summer, which makes it ideal for swimming and tourist vacations. As well, many schools arrange for students' tours to the area around the end of the school year.

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