

**Levantine Arabic transcript:**

ليندا: بالحقيقة، اللغة الأساسية.. أو.. مو اللغة الأساسية، اللغة الوحيدة بسوريا هي اللغة العربية، والطلاب بيتعلموا بالمدارس اللغة الفرنسية واللغة الإنجليزية. اللغة الفرنسية واللغة الإنجليزية هدول لغات إجبارية بالمدراس، الطلاب من الصف الرابع او حتى بجوز هلا من الصف الاول بيلشوا يتعلموا اللغة الفرنسية واللغة الإنجليزية، من شان هيك معظم الناس كمان بيحكوا هدول اللغتين. بس بشكل عام اللغة هي اللغة العربية.

**English translation:**

Linda: Actually the main language, or, not the main language but the only language in Syria is Arabic. In school, students learn French and English. French and English are mandatory in schools. From the fourth grade, or probably even from the first grade now, they start learning French and English. So, most people also speak these two languages. But in general the language is Arabic.

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