## CultureTalk Western Sahara Video Transcripts: <a href="http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu">http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu</a> **Tending Camels**

## Hassaniya Arabic transcript:

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إمرأة: يقلع بوك أعملي هوك... (صوت طفلة صغيرة) ... (صوت الجمل) ... هذا عليه علامة أهلى أنا ... الزايلة ...
                                                               إمراه. يسم برك عدي و ..., و و ...
{صوت الجمل}
س: مسيكين... نخلعت أنت يا عبيد؟
إمرأة: شاف الناقة فمها و اسع... {صوت جمل}...
                                                                                                    س: أشكيفاك؟
                                                  رجل1: ما شاء الله، الحمد لله...ولو باس تبارك الله... ما شاء الله
                                                                                        س: أنتما من منين جايين؟
                                                                                    رجل1: جاي من الدشرة ...حق
                                                                      س: و... أسمو... و أنت كم عندك من البل؟
                                                                                               رجل1: عندي سنة
                                                                                              س: مربيهم كاملين
                                                                                           رجل1: حقّ بعد...
س: كم عادلهم عندك؟
                                                                                                       ر جل1: اه؟
                                                                                            س: كم عادلهم عندك؟
                                                             رجل1: خمس عيمان ولا ستة، عادلهم زمن عندي...
                                                                                       س: وأأآ و كيفاش تربيهم؟
                                                                                                       رجل1: اه؟
                                                                                             س: كيفاش مربيهم؟
                                                                   رجل1: أيه، مربيهم... لقيتهم قدامي، مربيهم...
رجل2: تسرحهم، ترعاهم؟
                                                                                               رجل1: حق بعد...
                                                                                      س: يهيه... قول لي كيفاش؟
                                                                     رجل1: يسرحو و يوردو و ذا كامل يعدلوه...
                                                                                               رجل2: و يشربو؟
                                                                                  رجل1: و يشربو من الحسيان...
                                                                                                   س: و شيو کلو ؟
                                                                                         رجل2: يوكلو الاعشاب؟
               رجل1: يكلو ألا السبط، السبط.. يكلو السبط و يكلو... الاعشاب كاملة يوكلوها... و يوكلو الطلح...
                      رجل2: ... و هذى هي تقاليد شعب الصحراء ... حيوانه ... الصحراوي هذا هو باش يعيش ...
                                                     رجل1: هذا هو تقاليد شعب الصحراء...
رجل2: هذه البل يربيها و يوكل لحمها و يركب عليها و ي...
                                                                                               رجل1: حق بعد...
                                                                             رجل2: حياة الصحراويين هذه هي...
                                                                             رجل1: حياة الصحر اويين مع البل ...
                                            رجل2: أصلا تقدما كانت نرفدو عليها الدبش و نرفجو عليها الما و ...
                                                        رجل1: متو ار ثينها أبائهم عن أأآ.. الأو ائل عن الأخرين...
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## **English translation:**

**WOMAN:** Get out of the way, you crazy girl... [Small child in the background]... [Camel making sound] This camel actually has my family's brand – the female camel has it.

**S:** Poor thing... Did you get scared, Abid?

**WOMAN:** He saw how big the camel's mouth was... [Camel making sound]...

**S:** How are you?

**MAN 1:** I am doing well, *Alhamdulillah*<sup>1</sup>... Everything is alright, thanks to Allah... No bad to be mentioned!<sup>2</sup>

**S:** Where did you come from?

**MAN 1:** I am from the outskirts of the city<sup>3</sup>... that is right.

**S:** And uhhh... How many camels do you have?

MAN 1: I have six.

**S:** Did you raise all of them?

**MAN 1:** That is right.

**S:** For how long have you had them?

MAN 1: Huh?

**S:** For how long have you had them?

**MAN 1:** For about five or six years. I have had them for a while now.

**S:** And... aaa... How do you take care of them?

**MAN 1:** Huh?

**S:** How do you take care of them?

MAN: Yes, I take care of them... They were here before me, so I just took care of them.

MAN 2 Do you graze them and look after them?

**MAN 1:** That is right...

**S:** Yes... Can you tell me how?

**MAN 1:** They graze, they eat and they do all of that...

**MAN 2:** And they drink...

**MAN 1:** They drink from the well...

**S:** And what do they eat?

MAN 2: They eat vegetation.

**MAN 1:** They just eat vegetation... They eat vegetation and they eat... They eat all sorts of plants... They eat other plants.

**MAN 2:** And these are Saharawi traditions... animals... This is what they use to survive

**MAN 1:** And these are the Saharawi people's traditions...

**MAN 2:** And these camels they raise, they eat their meat and ride them...

**MAN 1:** That is right...

**MAN 2:** This is the Saharawi life...

**MAN 1:** The Saharawi life is with camels.

MAN 2: In the old days, we used to carry our belongings and fit water on them...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Alhamdulillah: Thank God (literally: "Praise Allah"): An Arabic expression used in a variety of contexts, but most often to express thankfulness for or an awareness of grace in any good thing.

The Saharawi greetings are generally a series of questions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The city here refers to the closest Algerian city, called Tindouf.

MAN 1: Parents inherited from... aaa... the first from the later one...

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