**Egyptian Arabic Study Guide 1**

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**Materials to study:**

*Dardasha Egyptian Arabic,* Introduction

* Read the Introduction and The Writing System on pp. 1-3.
* Read the Alphabet and Sounds page on p. 4 and then, using the CD, practice pronunciation of the additional letters on pp. 5-10.

*Dardasha Egyptian Arabic,* Unit 1 “Greetings!” pp. 11- 13

* Listen to the dialogue p. 11 and be prepared to role-play Mahmoud and Sameer who just moved into a new apartment in Cairo.
* Be able to answer the questions following the dialogue in Egyptian.
* Read the Cultural Notes on pp. 12-13 paying special attention to the Expression in focus section on p. 12 and the appropriate ways to inquire about one’s health on p. 13.
* Memorize the New Words on p. 12 and be certain that you know how to use the words in real-life situations. You can create situations in your head and decide how you would say what to whom. That way, you will be prepared to practice with your conversation group.
* Practice making variations on the dialogue between Mahmoud and Sameer and be prepared to improvise variations in your conversation session.

**Conversation session preparation:**

* Be prepared to drill pronunciation by responding to written and spoken prompts. You can prepare for this by listening to the text’s CD multiple times as well as by completing the rest of the assignments for the week.
* Be prepared to answer simple questions about the dialogue on p. 11 when posed by your conversation partner.
* Be prepared to role play the dialogue between the new neighbors on p. 11. Be prepared to improvise similar role plays with different characters.
* Be prepared to practice role playing many different types of formal and informal greeting and getting acquainted conversations using what you have learned from your text and audio selections.