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IV We're very hungry!

نحنا جوعانین کثیر!

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CONVERSATION

1. Emily has checked into the hotel and is now with her friend Rima somewhere in the Old City. Listen to the conversation and answer the questions. Do not look at the book while you are listening.

١ وين إميلي؟

2. Now listen to the conversation again.

٢ شويدها بالأول؟

3. Listen to the conversation for the last time.

۳ و شو فی کما*ن*؟

الكارسون: أهلا و سهلا. شو بتريدوا؟

إميلى: أول شى، بدنا أربع قنانى بيرة، لو سمحت.

الكارسون: على عيني.

إميلي: في عندكن ليستة للأكل؟

الكارسون: نعم، أنا الليستة!

إميلي: طيب، شو عندكن اليوم؟

الكارسون: في كل شي، جاج و لحمة و سمك و غيره....

إميلى: بالحقيقة، نحنا جوعانين كثير، بدنا مازة كاملة.

الكارسون: حاضر. في حمّص و متبل و فلافل و تبوله و

محمرة وباباغنوج و بطاطا مقلية.

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إميلى: طيب، و بعدين بدنا صحنين أكل من كل نوع.

الكارسون: تكرموا! صحنين كبه بالصينية و شيش طاووك

و شاورما و سمك مشوي.

إميلي: و بسرعة إذا بتريد، نحنا جوعانين و مستعجلين.

ARABIC TRANSLITERATION →

- S: ahla w sahla. shu bétriidu?
- E: awwal <u>shi</u>, béddna arba₂ qanaani biira, law samaht.
- S: ¿ala ¿eeni!
- E: $fii \in andkon liiste lé-l-ak^{\ell}l$?
- S: naşam, ana l-liiste!
- E: ṭayyeb, shu əandkon êl-yoom?
- S: fii kéll ^éshi, jaaj w laḥme w samak w gheero....
- E: b-él-ḥaqiiqa, néḥna juu ç aaniin ^éktiir. béddna maaza kaamle.
- S: ḥaaḍr, fii ḥummuş w mutabbal w félaafel w tabbuuleh w mḥammara w babaghannuuj w baṭaaṭa mé-qliyye.
- E: tayyeb, w baş deen béddna şahneen ak^kl mén kéll noo ş.
- S: tékramu! şahneen kébbe b-éş-şeeniyye w <u>shiish t</u>aawuuk w <u>sh</u>aawerma w samak mé<u>sh</u>wi.
- E: w b-sérç a iza bétriid, néḥna juuç aaniin w méstaç jeliin.



VOCABULARY •◆

Nouns

q anniine, q anaani	bottle, bottles	قنينة، قناني
liiste lé-l-ak ^é l	the menu	ليستة للأكل
él-yoom (yoom, iyyaam)	today (day, days)	اليوم (يوم، ايام)
<u>shi, ash</u> yaa'	athing, things	شي، أشياء
jaaj	chicken	جاج
laḥme	meat	لحمة
samak	fish	سمك
maaza	appetisers (" mezze")	مازة
<u>ḥummuṣ</u>	ground chickpea and tahiine	حمّص e dip

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	mutabbal	eggplant, yoghut and tahiine dip متــّل	
	félaafel	deep fried chickpea balls	
	tabbuuleh	parsley, mint & crushed wheat salad تــُـوك	
	mhammara	red pepper dip	
	baba <u>gh</u> annuuj	eggplant and pomegranate dip باباغنّوج	
	baṭaaṭa	potatoes بطاطا	
	sah ^é n, shuun	ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب ب	
	sahneen	two plates	
	noos, anwas	type, types نوع، أنواع	
	kébbe b-éş-şeeniyye	roasted minced beef کِبِّه بالصینیة and cracked wheat in a pan	
	<u>sh</u> ii <u>sh</u> taawuuk	grilled chicken شیش طاووك	
	<u>sh</u> aawerma	شاورما thinly sliced meat or chicken	
Adjectives			
	juuş aan, -e, -iin	جوعان، -ـة، -ـِسن hungry	
	kaamel, kaamle	کامل، کاملة complete	
	m éq li, mé q liyye	مقلی، مقلیة fried	
	mé <u>sh</u> wi, mé <u>sh</u> wiyye	مشوي، مشوية grilled	
	méstaz jel, -e, -iin	مستعجل، ــة، ــين (to be) in a hurry	
Adverbs			
	b-sérza	quickly بسرعة	
Grammatical Words			
	béddna	we want بينا	
	eandkon	you (pl) have	
	kéll	each, every کل	
Expre	essions		
	awwal <u>sh</u> i	أول شيى أول شي	
	law samaḥt	please " Le mace"	
	eala zeeni	at your service على عيني	
	g <u>h</u> eero	things other than that	

actually, in fact

certainly, at once

بالحقيقة

حاضر

b-él-ḥaqiiqa

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ENGLISH TRANSLATION ->

- S: Welcome! What would you like?
- E: First, we'd like four bottles of beer please.
- S: At your service.
- E: Do you have a menu?
- S: Yes, I'm the menu.
- E: Well, what do you have today?
- S: Everything: chicken, meat, fish, and the list goes on...
- E: Actually, we're very hungry. We'd like a complete course of appetisers.
- S: Certainly. There's hummus, mutabbal, falafal, tabbuuleh, muhammara, babaghannuuj and french fries.
- E: Fine. Then, we'd like two servings of each type of main dish.
- S: At your service. Two kibbe-in-a-pan, grilled chicken, shawerma and grilled fish.
- E: And please be quick, we're hungry and we're in a hurry.



MIDDLE EASTERN CUISINE • Middle Eastern cuisine is now enjoyed in many countries outside the region. The selection of dips and hot appetisers commonly known as "mezze" in the West, is actually called muqabbilaat مازة or maaza مازة (when it comes with an alcoholic drink) in Syria.

Similarly, the popular ground eggplant dish known as babaghannung باباغنوج in Egypt is called mtabbal متبل in Syria, while the Syrian babaghannung نام is a completely different dish. So really, the best way to find out about Syrian cuisine is to go to a restaurant, order and eat!

Syrians generally eat lunch from 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon, or even later. Dinner is usually eaten between 9 and 11 o'clock in the evening. Restaurants often don't open until 8 o'clock in the evening.