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FUNCTION C: EXPRESSING YOUR FEELINGS

ACTIVE PARTICIPLES AS ADJECTIVES At the end of the last chapter, we used the active participle saaken مناكن instead of a verb to mean "living". Remember that an active participle describes the state of a person or thing. In this chapter we will practise active participles which are used as adjectives. The words jung aaniin عومانين and méstagiel used in the conversation at the beginning of the chapter to mean "hungry" and "in a hurry" are two of these.

No matter how active participles are used, they always take the same endings: taa marbuuta if you are talking about anyone female, and -iin -ii you are talking about more than one person, for example

juuş aan	(I am, you are, he is) hungry	جوعان
juuş aane	(I am, you are, she is) hungry	جوعانة
juu _t aaniin	(we, they are) hungry	جوعانين

1. Write one of the following active participles under each of the pictures.

juuş aan	hungry	جوعان
<u>sh</u> ab _é aan	full (of food)	شبعان
a <u>tsh</u> aanع	thirsty	عطشان
farḥaan	happy	فرحان
zaş laan	upset, sad	ز ع لان
g <u>h</u> aḍbaan	angry	غضبان
kaslaan	1azy	كسلان
tae baan	tired, sick	تعبان
na _t saan	sleepy	نعسان
şaḥyaan	awake, sober	صحيان
sakraan	drunk	سكران



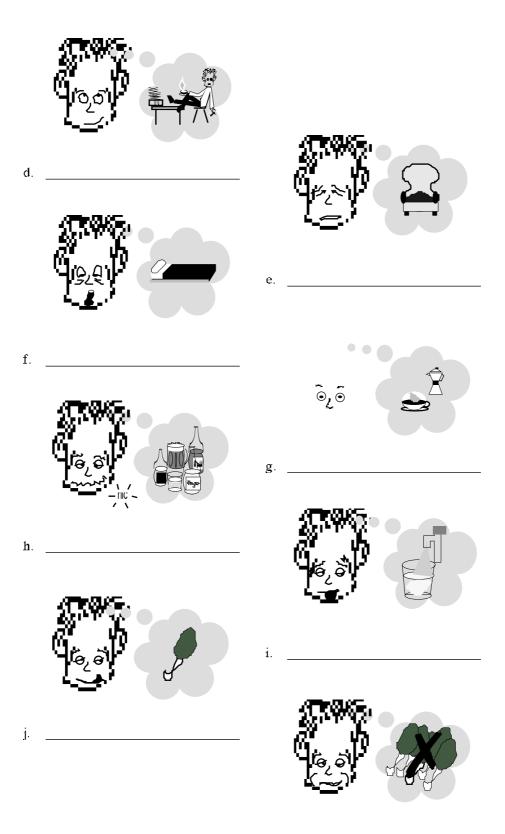
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PEOPLE →

walad <u>sgh</u> iir, wlaad <u>sgh</u> aar	baby	ولد صغير، أولاد صغار
waladi wlaad	child	ولد، أو لاد
şabi, şabyaan	boy	صبي، صبيان
bén ^é t, banaat	girl	بنت، بنات
<u>sh</u> abb, <u>sh</u> abaab	young man	شبّ، شباب
şabiyye, şabaaya	young woman	صبيّة، صبابا
réjjaal, rjaal	man	رجّال، رجال
sétt, séttaat	woman (neutral)	ست، ستّات
mara, néswaan	woman (abstract)	مرة، نسوان
<u>shakh^és, ashkh</u> aas	person	شخص، أشخاص
zalame, zel ^é m	guy	زلمة، زلم
naas	people	ناس
ah ^é l	people (also family)	أهل
ḥada, waaḥed(e)	someone, anyone	حدا، واحد(ة)
flaan(e)	so-and-so, what's-his-n	ame فلان(ـة)

2. Which form of the active participle do you need to describe the following people?

eg lé-meallemin المعلّمين juugaan / juugaane (juugaaniin) جوعانة (جوعانين

a.	ér-rjjaal	الرجّال
	a <u>tsh</u> aan / ع at <u>sh</u> aane / ع at <u>sh</u> aaniin	عطشان / عطشانة / عطشانين
b.	lé-mwazzafe	الموظفة
	taebaan taebaane taebaaniin	تعبان / تعبانة / تعبانين
c.	éṣ-ṣabi	الصبي
	kaslaan / kaslaane / kaslaaniin	كسلان ً / كسلانة / كسلانين
đ.	lé-wlaad	الولاد
	nae saan nae saane nae saaniin	نعسان / نعسانة / نعسانین
e.	éz-zalame	الزلمة
	şahyaan / şahyaane / şahyaaniin	صحیان /صحیانه / صحیانین
\mathbf{f} .	ésh- <u>sh</u> abaab	الشباب
	sakraan sakraane sakraaniin	سکران / سکرانة / سکرانین
g.	él-banaat	البنات
	farḥaan / farḥaane / farḥaaniin	فرحان / فرحانة / فرحانین
h.	él-mudür	المدير
	g <u>h</u> aḍbaan / g <u>h</u> aḍbaane / g <u>h</u> aḍbaaniin	غضبان / غضبانة / غضبانين
i.	él-asaatze	الأساتذة
	zaçlaan za çlaane zaçlaaniin	زعلان / زعلانة / زعلانین

HOT AND COLD → There are three main ways of expressing 'hot' and 'cold'.

m <u>sh</u> awweb, -e, -iin	I feel hot	مشوّب، –ـة، –ـين
bardaan, -e, -iin	I feel cold	بردان، –ـة، –ين
sé <u>kh^én, sékh</u> ne	it (the food) is hot	سخن، –ة
baared, baarde	it (the food) is cold	بارد، –ة
(éṭ-ṭaḍś) <u>sh</u> oob	it (the weather) is hot	(الطقس) شوب
(éṭ-ṭaɗés) bar ^é d	it (the weather) is cold	(الطقس) برد

 ${\bf 3.} \ \ Write the opposite to these feelings. Select from the list underneath.$

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a.	juuçaan /				جوعان /
b.	saḥyaan /				صحیان / ــــــــــ
c.	sakraan /				سکران/
đ.	m <u>sh</u> awweb / _				مشوّب/ ــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ
e.	mabsuuṭ /		happy		مبسوط/
f.	ma <u>sh</u> guul /		busy		مشغول/
	faaḍi	zaş laan		زعلان	فاضيي
	<u>sh</u> ab zaan	saḥyaan		صحيان	شبعان
	bardaan	nae saan		نعسان	بردان

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4. Listen to the descriptions of these people. Write how they are feeling under their pictures.





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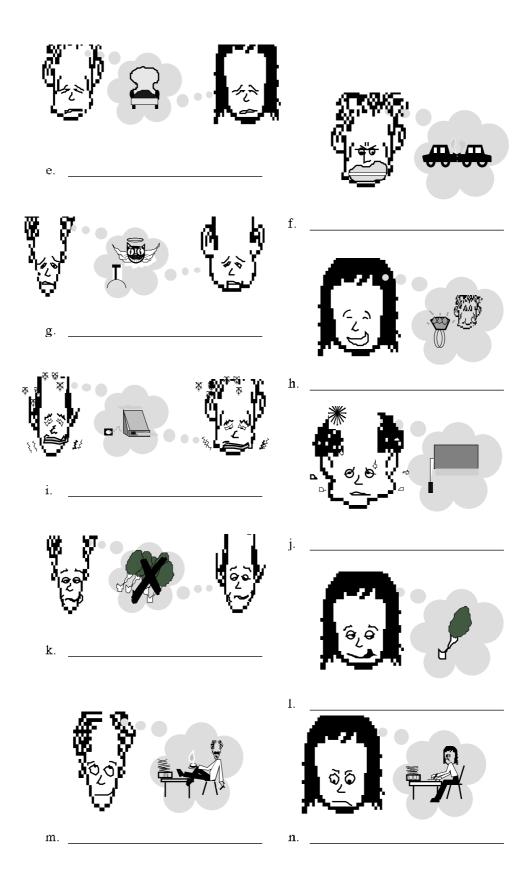




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WHAT'S THE MATTER? → The most common way to ask someone "what's up?" or "what's the matter?" is

⊙ <u>sh</u>ébak?

what's the matter with you (m)? بشبك؟

shébo?what's the matter with him?جشبه ؟shéba?what's the matter with her?۶ الشبها ؟shébahonwhat's the matter with them?

<u>sip</u>buton "ita sale inacei "ita tileiii.

When you have real concern for someone you might say

kheer shébak? are you alright? يفر شيك؟

You can also use this expression to talk about yourself. This is very colloquial and has the sense of self-criticism, for example

shébani?!what's wrong with me today?!بندني؟!shébana?!what on earth are we doing?!بندنا؟!

5. Work with a teacher or classmate and take it in turns to ask what is wrong. The person replying should imagine thay are in the following situations, for example

you have just become engaged

A shébak / shébaki? or shébek?

أ شبك؟ / شبك(ـى)؟

B maa fii shi. bass farhaan(e).

ب ما في شي. بس فرحان(ـة).

- a. you haven't eaten all day
- b. you've been standing in the snow for two hours
- c. you've just had a bottle of champagne
- d. your dog has just been run over by a car
- e. you discover your plane ticket has been accidently cancelled by the travel agent just as you're checking in at the airport and the plane is full.
- f. you feel like putting your feet up and not doing any work
- g. your airconditioner is broken and it's the middle of summer
- h. you've been jogging for an hour
- i. you're lost in the desert without water
- j. you have twenty guests arriving in an hour and you haven't started cooking.
- k. you've just had a ten-course meal
- 1. you've drunk 20 cups of coffee today

6. Return to page 150 and ask about the people pictured, for example

A shébo? بشبه ۹

ب ما فی شی. بس عطشان. <u>atsh</u>aan. بس عطشان.