

## MSA Levels Content/Outcome

Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) is the written language of Arabic. It is developed from Classical Arabic which is the language of the Holy Quran. MSA is the language of newspapers and the media. It is a 'living' language, used by educated people and intellectuals. Each MSA level is 60 hours in total and classes meet five days a week, 20 days x three-hour lesson.

MSA- LEVEL	Level, Content &Outcome
<b>PRE MSA- Beginners- A1- Breakthrough Level</b>	Using a variety of classroom activities, this course will enable you to build up the basic skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking as well as developing language acquisition skills. Grammar is not presented explicitly at this stage. Though, there are little grammatical points to be taught in this level on the level of the phrase. Users will be able to communicate orally, and in writing in a number of survival situations such as: introduce oneself, exchange greetings, learn Arabic names, ask about people's nationalities, ask about familiar objects.
<b>MSA 1-Beginners- A1- Breakthrough Level</b>	This level aims to enhance the understanding and production, both written and spoken, of different patterns of nominal sentences, present tense of verbs conjugated with single pronouns, negation of nominal and verbal sentences and useful basic vocabulary. Texts are about personal information, surrounding environment and daily routine. User will be able to understand & use familiar every day expressions & communicate in a simple way in, asking about personal belongings, asking about addresses ,asking about date & time, read business cards, describing addresses and directions, talking about routine habits, asking about family members & what they do for work.
<b>MSA 2 – Elementary -A2 - Waystage Level 1</b>	The level deals with all essential morphological rules related to verb conjugation, such as weak roots and the ten forms of Arabic verbs as well as sentence structures. It also introduces past tense with singular pronouns. All grammar and morphology presentations are contextualized in relevant situations which expand the basic lexicon. Texts of this level are about physical description of people and places, education and employment. Users will be able to communicate in simple way, and can exchange information in familiar matters such as: describing people & places, talking about family, expressing ownerships, reading and understanding short paragraphs, describing incidences & parties & talking about future plans.
<b>MSA 3 – Elementary -A2 - Waystage Level 1</b>	This level prepares the participant with essential newspaper expressions and vocabulary. This level expands on the morphological aspects of vocabulary. "Masdars", reported statements, conjunctions and complex sentences. It completes the past tense and introduces the future tense and imperative forms of the verb. This will enable students to understand and use them in meaningful contexts. Texts of the level are, short & simple. Users will be able to describe in simple way aspects of his/her background & immediate environment such as: narrating past events & news, narrating and writing short stories, expressing personal hobbies ,writing letters and messages , expressing abilities, reading & writing instructions.

<p><b>MSA 4- Intermediate-B1 – Threshold Level 2</b></p>	<p>This level gives more details of sentence formation, compound and complex sentences and related syntax, i.e. connectors, clauses and accusatives. It expands more on morphology as active participles, active and passive voices, other ways for past tense, comparison and KANA and its sisters. The texts of this level are a bit longer than before and they consist mainly of high frequency self-related or related events.</p> <p>Users will be able to understand the main points of clear input, and can produce simple connected text on topics such as: Describing a sequence of events, changes happened to people and places across the time, accidents &amp; fires, pollution.</p>
<p><b>MSA 5- Intermediate-B1 – Threshold Level 2</b></p>	<p>Students will be exposed to different styles of texts with the aim of building a more specialized lexicon and expanding on grammar taught in previous levels. This level teaches connectors, passive participle, conditional sentences, diptot and nouns from weak root verbs. The texts are more descriptive &amp; connected in a way that can describe general events.</p> <p>User will be able to understand &amp; express situations such as: describing sports events, inventors &amp; their inventions, touristic visit&amp; travels, famous cities.</p>
<p><b>MSA 6- Intermediate-B1 – Threshold Level 2</b></p>	<p>This level exposes student to new grammatical points concerning all types of adverbs and Tamyeez as well as the ways of assertion and exclamation, using the language of exception, analysis of causes &amp; problems.</p> <p>User will be able to comprehend and deal with a wide range of topics, concerned with contemporary problems. The topics cover a variety of areas such as Politics, Economics &amp; sociology such as: contemporary Arab revolution, problems of Media, working women.</p> <p>User will be able to discuss some situations &amp; problems which arise while travelling to Arab countries.</p>
<p><b>MSA 7 – Upper Intermediate -B2 – Vantage Level 3</b></p>	<p>From this level onward, the main focus of the lesson is the text and is related to its type. Texts will be complicated and detailed. It builds on the previous knowledge of grammar and expands it generally through drills and comprehension tasks. The grammar of this level is about Relation between verb tense and natural time, hollow verbs, Tamyeez, active and passive participles, passive voice, KAN, possessive cases, place participle, diptot and broken plurals.</p> <p>Users will be able to interact with a degree of fluency &amp; spontaneity in situations such as: travels &amp; festivals, Religious occasions to learn more about Arab culture, Press &amp; newspaper development in Arab world, famous Egyptian women.</p>
<p><b>MSA 8 – Upper Intermediate -B2 – Vantage Level 3</b></p>	<p>Students revise grammar and morphological rules taught in previous levels such as Meanings of the verb forms, adverbs, nouns driven from the weak verbs, exclamation, forms of comparative and superlative nouns.. At this level, students are exposed to a variety of texts which enrich their knowledge of sophisticated vocabulary. The main text type here is narration with its variations from modern to medieval.</p> <p>Users will be able to deal with texts dealing with social, historical, literary, or cultural issues. There are some authentic reading &amp; listening texts to help comprehension.</p>
<p><b>MSA 9 – Upper Intermediate -B2 – Vantage Level 3</b></p>	<p>Students revise grammar and morphological rules taught in previous levels specially with all kinds of accusatives. At this level, students are exposed to a variety of texts which enrich their knowledge of sophisticated vocabulary.</p>

	<p>The texts deal with society: tradition and modernity, Islamic movements, family and children, as well as literature.</p> <p>Users will be able to explain a viewpoint on any of the topics such as Marriage &amp; related problems, Islam &amp; politics. They are given the advantages &amp; disadvantages of various options.</p>
<p><b>MSA 10 – Upper Intermediate -B2 – Vantage Level</b></p>	<p>Students revise grammar and morphological rules taught in previous levels. At this level, students are exposed to a variety of texts which enrich their knowledge of sophisticated vocabulary. The levels also widen the scope of the students’ understanding of different written styles; i.e. the informative, argumentative, philosophical, scientific and literary styles which are used at different times by different writers.</p> <p>Users will be able to use the language flexibly &amp; effectively in social &amp; professional situations.</p>
<p><b>MSA 11 &amp; 12 – Advanced - C1 – Proficient speaker Level 4</b></p>	<p>These levels continue with the different text types with more detailed understanding of the finer shades of meaning and the cultural background of the texts. Grammar here comes to serve the understanding of the texts with more detailed and grouped presentations of the rules.</p> <p>Users will be able to appreciate different texts types &amp; write a essay or a report &amp; can select the convenient style of writing with reader in mind.</p>