

London's Languages Syracuse Symposium



ARABIC Language Passport

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Place of Origin:
**Arabian
Peninsula**



*London borough
most spoken in:*
Westminster

Some facts about Arabic:

- Arabic has 14 words that describe “love”
- Arabic has no capital letters (instead, quotation marks are used for emphasis)
- Arabic is written from right to left
- a huge number of Arabic dialects can't be understood between each other

Idioms Exercise

Review the phrases below. Speaking with your group (but without Googling!), guess the meaning of each idiom.

Phrase: التكرار يعلم الحمار (Al Tikrar Yialem Al Humar)

Literal Translation: repetition teaches the donkey

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: اللي يتلسع من الشوربة ينفخ في الزبادي

(El Yetleseea Min El Shorba Yonfokh Fil Zabadi)

Literal Translation: He who burns his tongue from soup will blow in yogurt

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: روح كنس الصحراء (rooh kannis al sahra)

Literal Translation: go sweep the desert

What we think it means: _____
