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Lesson 1 - الدَّرْسُ الْأَوَّلُ

This is... - هَذَا...

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Introduction - مُقَدِّمَةٌ

- Please read the sentences below. After completing the sentences we shall go over the rules for this lesson.
- In Part 1 of Lesson 1 we learn how to use the pronoun هَذَا which means 'This' (called the demonstrative pronoun in grammar). /Hādhā/ is pronounced هَذَا but is written without the first /alif/. The second word is the noun (object) being referred to, e.g.: بَيْتٌ means house.

Please click on the words to hear speech, i.e. how the words should be pronounced.

			
هَذَا كِتَابٌ.	هَذَا مَسْجِدٌ.	هَذَا بَابٌ.	هَذَا بَيْتٌ.
This is a book	This is a mosque	This is a door	This is a house

- Arabic has no word which is equal to the English word "is" which is referred to as a "copula" in grammar. We can see this rule demonstrated above where we see the words for هَذَا and the noun/predicate مَسْجِدٌ being referred to without any copula. i.e. هَذَا مَسْجِدٌ If read literally

this sentence would read "This a mosque", however, the word "is" can be implied in this sentence so that it reads "This is a mosque".

- There is no word in Arabic corresponding to "a" in English as in: "This is a book". The n-sound, i.e. the /tanwīn/ (doubled vowel sign) at the end of the Arabic noun (kitābu-n, baitu-n, masġidu-n) is the Arabic indefinite article corresponding to the English "a/an".

Please click on the button for part 2 below to move onto the next section where we will practice this principle further In-Shā'-Allāh (God-willing).

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- In-Shā'-Allāh (God-willing), we will continue practicing with some more examples of using the phrase /hādhā/ هَذَا which means 'This is'.

Please click on the words to hear speech, i.e. how the words should be pronounced.

		
هَذَا قَلَمٌ.	هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ.	هَذَا مِفْتَاحٌ.
This is a pen.	This is a chair.	This is a key.
		
هَذَا سَرِيرٌ.	هَذَا مَكْتَبٌ.	

This is a bed.

This is a desk.

- We have learnt how to say 'This is' using the phrase /hādhā/. Now, we will learn how to say 'What is this?' to ask a question followed by the answers to the questions In-Shā'-Allāh (God-willing). Please click on part 3 below to proceed.

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- In this part of lesson 1 we will learn the phrase مَا هَذَا؟ which means "What's this". We shall then answer the questions with the phrase we learnt in the earlier parts, i.e. /hādhā/ هَذَا.
- We will also learn the phrase أَهَذَا...؟ which means "Is this...?", for example أَهَذَا بَيْتٌ؟ which means "Is this a house?".
- In addition, we will learn the words for Yes and No in Arabic to answer these questions. The word for Yes in Arabic is نَعَمْ, and the word for No in Arabic is لا.
- As we have already learnt, the Arabic script is read from right to left, please read the sentences below from right to left.

Please click on the words to hear speech, i.e. how the words should be pronounced.

Picture	Answer	Question
	<p>هَذَا بَيْتٌ.</p> <p>This is a house.</p>	<p>مَا هَذَا؟</p> <p>What is this?</p>



هَذَا قَمِيصٌ.

This is a shirt.

مَا هَذَا؟

What is this?



لا، هَذَا قَلَمٌ.

No, this is a pen.

أَهَذَا مِفْتَاحٌ؟

Is this a key?



نَعَمْ، هَذَا بَيْتٌ.

Yes, this is a house.

أَهَذَا بَيْتٌ؟

Is this a house?



لا، هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ.

No, this is a chair.

أَهَذَا سَرِيرٌ؟

Is this a bed?



هَذَا نَجْمٌ.

This is a star.

مَا هَذَا؟

What is this?

- In the next parts we will learn the phrase مَنْ هَذَا؟ which means "Who is this?" followed by some more sentences to revise what we have learnt in this lesson, In-Shā'-Allāh (God willing).

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تَدْرِيبٌ - Exercise

- In this part of the lesson, we will test the knowledge that we have learnt in this lesson so far.
- Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Please click on the correct option for each question below. Upon completion, click on the Mark button to see the correct answers and to obtain your mark.
- In this exercise you will not be given the meaning of sentences, please visit the earlier parts of lesson 1 to learn the meanings if necessary.

Mark Reset

Question 1

هَذَا كِتَابٌ

مَا هَذَا؟



هَذَا قَلَمٌ

هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ

هَذَا بَيْتٌ



Question 2

هَذَا قَلَمٌ

مَا هَذَا؟



هَذَا نَجْمٌ

هَذَا مِفْتَاحٌ

هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ



Question 3

هَذَا قَلَمٌ

مَا هَذَا؟



هَذَا نَجْمٌ

هَذَا بَابٌ

Question 4

هَذَا نَجْمٌ

مَا هَذَا؟



هَذَا قَلَمٌ

هَذَا بَابٌ

هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ	<input type="radio"/>		هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ	<input type="radio"/>	
Question 5			Question 6		
هَذَا قَلَمٌ	<input type="radio"/>	مَا هَذَا؟ 	هَذَا سَرِيرٌ	<input type="radio"/>	مَا هَذَا؟ 
هَذَا سَرِيرٌ	<input type="radio"/>		هَذَا نَجْمٌ	<input type="radio"/>	
هَذَا بَيْتٌ	<input type="radio"/>		هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ	<input type="radio"/>	
هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ	<input type="radio"/>		هَذَا بَابٌ	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="button" value="Mark"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>					

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تَدْرِيبٌ - Exercise

- We will continue to test the knowledge that we have learnt so far in this part of the lesson In-Shā'-Allāh (God willing).
- Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Please click on the correct option for each question below. Upon completion, click on the Mark button to see the correct answers and to obtain your mark.
- In this exercise you will not be given the meaning of sentences, please visit the earlier parts of lesson 1 to learn the meanings if necessary.

Mark Reset

Question 1		Question 2	
<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا قَلَمٌ	<input type="radio"/> أَهَذَا قَمِيصٌ؟	<input type="radio"/> نَعَمْ، هَذَا نَجْمٌ	<input type="radio"/> أَهَذَا نَجْمٌ؟
<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا نَجْمٌ		<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا قَمِيصٌ	
<input type="radio"/> نَعَمْ، هَذَا قَمِيصٌ		<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ	
<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا بَيْتٌ		<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا بَيْتٌ	
Question 3		Question 4	
<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا مَسْجِدٌ	<input type="radio"/> أَهَذَا مِفْتَاحٌ؟	<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا قَلَمٌ	<input type="radio"/> أَهَذَا بَيْتٌ؟
<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا قَلَمٌ		<input type="radio"/> نَعَمْ، هَذَا بَيْتٌ	
<input type="radio"/> نَعَمْ، هَذَا مِفْتَاحٌ		<input type="radio"/> لا، هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ	

لا، هَذَا بَيْتٌ



لا، هَذَا مَسْجِدٌ



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تَدْرِيبٌ - Exercise

- We have practiced reading words and learning phrases and grammar. However, it is very important to learn how to write Arabic while you are learning the language. Please read the sentences below and write them down on a piece of paper. You have already learnt what the sentences below mean in the earlier parts of the lesson so try to remember what they mean also.
- In Arabic, more experienced readers do not require the vowel-marks or diacritical marks to read the word. We have started lesson 1 showing all the vowel-marks, for example **بَيْتٌ** (house) where we can see the /fathah/, /sukūn/ and /ḍammah/. However, with experience, we know from a combination of the letters used and the context of the sentence what the word actually means. Below, the words will appear without vowel-marks or diacritical marks (e.g. /sukūn/, /fathah/, /kasrah/ etc). Hence, the word will be written in Arabic as **بيت**.

Please click on the words to hear speech, i.e. how the words should be pronounced.

اقْرَأْ وَاكْتُبْ: Read and Write		
هَذَا قَلَمٌ.	هَذَا مَسْجِدٌ.	هَذَا مَكْتَبٌ.
هَذَا كُرْسِيٌّ.	مَا هَذَا؟	هَذَا سُرِيرٌ.
مَا هَذَا؟	لا، هَذَا مَسْجِدٌ.	هَذَا بَيْتٌ؟

هذا مفتاح.

- In the next part of this lesson we will learn the phrase **مَنْ هَذَا؟** which means "Who is this?" followed by some more sentences to revise what we have learnt in this lesson, In-Shā'-Allāh (God willing).

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مَنْ هَذَا؟ - Who is this?

- In this section we shall cover the phrase مَنْ هَذَا؟ which means 'Who is this?'. We shall then answer the questions and learn some more words, In-Shā'-Allâh (God willing).

Please click on the words to hear speech, i.e. how the words should be pronounced.

Picture	Answer	Question
	هَذَا طَبِيبٌ. This is a doctor.	مَنْ هَذَا؟ Who is this?
	هَذَا وَلَدٌ. This is a boy.	مَنْ هَذَا؟ Who is this?

	<p>هَذَا طَالِبٌ.</p> <p>This is a student.</p>	<p>مَنْ هَذَا؟</p> <p>Who is this?</p>
	<p>هَذَا رَجُلٌ.</p> <p>This is a man.</p>	<p>مَنْ هَذَا؟</p> <p>Who is this?</p>
	<p>هَذَا تَاجِرٌ.</p> <p>This is a merchant.</p>	<p>مَنْ هَذَا؟</p> <p>Who is this?</p>

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- In this section we shall cover a number of the phrases we have already learnt and we shall learn some new vocabulary.

Please click on the words to hear speech, i.e. how the words should be pronounced.

Picture	Answer	Question
	هَذَا كَلْبٌ. This is a dog.	مَا هَذَا؟ What is this?
	هَذَا قِطٌّ. This is a cat.	مَا هَذَا؟ What is this?
	هَذَا حِمَارٌ. This is a donkey.	مَا هَذَا؟ What is this?

	هَذَا حِصَانٌ. This is a horse.	مَا هَذَا؟ What is this?
	هَذَا دِيكٌ. This is a rooster.	مَا هَذَا؟ What is this?
	هَذَا جَمَلٌ. This is a camel.	مَا هَذَا؟ What is this?

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Revision - مُرَاجَعَةٌ

- In this section we shall cover a number of the phrases we have already learnt and we shall learn some new vocabulary In-Shā'-Allâh (God willing).

Please click on the words to hear speech, i.e. how the words should be pronounced.

Picture	Answer	Question
	هَذَا مُدَرِّسٌ. This is a teacher.	مَنْ هَذَا؟ Who is This?
	لا، هَذَا مِندِيلٌ. No, this is a handkerchief.	أَهَذَا قَمِيصٌ؟ Is this a shirt?

- In the next part of this lesson we will practice writing and reading skills, In-Shā'-Allâh (God willing). Please write out the following words below including their translation. It is important to practice writing in the duration of this course and to be able to read without translations. If you are unsure what the words below mean, please revisit the previous sections of this lesson, all the words

below have already been covered earlier.

- You will also notice that the words below do not have vowel-marks, i.e. /ḍammah/, /kasrah/ and /fathah/. The vowel-marks have been deliberately omitted because when you read Arabic in normal literature, vowel-marks are seldom used. The context and your experience of words will enable you to read the word properly. The words below should be apparent without the vowel-marks as we have covered them several times already.

اقْرَأْ وَاكْتُبْ: Read and Write	
(٢) هَذَا كَلْب.	(١) مَا هَذَا؟ هَذَا قَلَم.
(٤) هَذَا جَمَل.	(٣) مَنْ هَذَا؟ هَذَا طَيِّب.
(٦) أَهَذَا دِيك؟ نعم.	(٥) أَهَذَا كَلْب؟ لا، هَذَا قَط.
(٨) هَذَا مَنَدِيل.	(٧) أَهَذَا حِصَان؟ لا هَذَا حِمَار.
(١٠) مَنْ هَذَا؟ هَذَا رَجُل.	(٩) أَهَذَا وَلَد؟ نعم.

- You have now completed lesson 1. To summarise, the areas we have covered are:

- The Demonstrative Pronoun - هَذَا 'This is...'
- The particle أَ as in أَ هَذَا...؟ i.e. 'Is This a...?'
- The word مَا which means 'what' as in مَا هَذَا؟ - 'What is this?'
- The words for Yes and No - نَعَمْ and لا respectively.
- The word مَنْ which means 'who' as in مَنْ هَذَا؟ - 'Who is this?'

- Several new words - these have to be memorised as vocabulary is very important to learn the Arabic language. The following table shows the new words that we learnt so far in this lesson:

Vocabulary Revision - مُرَاجَعَةُ الْمَفْرَدَاتِ			
This (this is...)	هَذَا	Home	بَيْتٌ
Door	بَابٌ	Mosque	مَسْجِدٌ
Book	كِتَابٌ	Key	مِفْتَاحٌ
Chair	كُرْسِيٌّ	Pen	قَلَمٌ
Desk	مَكْتَبٌ	Bed	سَرِيرٌ
Shirt	قَمِيصٌ	Star	نَجْمٌ
Doctor	طَبِيبٌ	Boy	وَلَدٌ
Student	طَالِبٌ	Man	رَجُلٌ
Merchant	تَاجِرٌ	Teacher	مُدْرَسٌ
Handkerchief	مِنْدِيلٌ	Dog	كَلْبٌ
Cat (masculine)	قِطٌّ	Donkey	حِمَارٌ
Horse	حِصَانٌ	Rooster	دِيكٌ
Camel	جَمَلٌ	Yes	نَعَمْ

		No	لا
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- If you feel confident with the lesson covered, please move on to the next lesson where we will cover the Demonstrative Pronoun - **ذَلِكَ** which means 'That is...'. The next lesson is a short and relatively straightforward lesson, In-Shā'-Allâh (God willing). Please click on next lesson button below to go to lesson two.
- Now that you have covered this lesson, please also try some of the additional features we have including:
 - o [Discussion Forum](#)– Discuss the grammatical topics learnt and any areas of confusion.
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