

May I Have...?

Title: Mastering Arabic 1

Unit number: 5

Topic: Polite requests

Aim: To practise asking for personal possessions

Materials needed:

• Items from students' bags/pockets

This game is a fun way of warming up or rounding off a lesson.

Step 1

✓ Complete the Conversation on page 63 of Mastering Arabic 1. This will give the students a model for their requests.

Step 2

- Ask each student to find two or three items from his or her bag/pocket (e.g. قلم مفتاح كتاب) and put them all in a box/on a table. Mix the items around.
- ✓ Teach the Arabic for any unfamiliar items (e.g. مسطرة نظّارة).
- ✓ Remind students how to say 'my…', including pronouncing **š**, e.g قلمی مسطرتی.

Step 3

- Ask a student to politely request one of their items using the phrases they've learnt, e.g
 أريد نظّارتي من فضلك.
 ممكن قلمى من فضلك؟
- Ask another student to find the item and hand it over using تفضّل تفضّل.

You can adapt this game to different levels of ability. For example, the first student could describe his or her item using an adjective they know, e.g. قلمي جديد. The student finding can hold up a possible item and ask هل هذا قلمك؟

