



What Did You Do Yesterday?

Title: *Mastering Arabic 1*

Unit number: 13

Topic: What happened yesterday

Aim: To practice asking and answering questions about the past

Materials needed:

- Question cards (one per student)

Pair work is an effective way of getting all the students in a class talking. In this activity, forming the correct questions is just as important as giving the answers.

Step 1

- ✓ Complete *Mastering Arabic 1*, Unit 13 and the associated exercises.
- ✓ Print out the attached question prompt cards.

Step 2

- ✓ Go through the question prompts on the card with all the students and elicit the correct Arabic questions for asking a male or a female. Drill the questions if necessary and give a sample answer. For example:

متى خرجت/ خرجت من البيت أمس؟
خرجتُ من البيت صباحاً.

Step 3

- ✓ Divide the students into pairs. One student asks the questions, the other answers.
- ✓ Move around the pairs listening and making suggestions if necessary.
- ✓ Ask the students to switch roles when they have completed the questions.

Step 4

- ✓ Students write out questions and their answers for homework.

Higher-ability students can report back to the class and/or write about what their partner did yesterday, for example.

خرجت سارة من البيت صباحاً وذهبت إلى السوق.

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- went where?
- did what?
- ate what? where?
- did what after that?
- returned when?
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