



# Contradictions

**Title:** *Mastering Arabic 1*

**Unit number:** 18

**Topic:** Negative sentences

**Aim:** To practise past and present tense negative verbs

**Materials needed:**

- None

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

## Step 1

- ✓ Complete pages 252–57 of *Mastering Arabic 1* and the accompanying exercises.
- ✓ It's useful also to revise the present tense negative covered in Unit 16 (page 220).

## Step 2

- ✓ Explain to the students that they are going to prepare ten statements about what they did yesterday and what they usually do. Seven of the statements should be true and three of them should be false.
- ✓ Elicit or give some example statements, e.g.

ذهبتُ إلى مطعم هندي أمس.  
عادةً أَلعب كرة الريشة بعد العشاء.

## Step 3

- ✓ One of the students stands up in front of the class and reads his or her sentences out loud.
- ✓ The other students make a note of the three statements they believe are false. This can be done individually or in groups.

## Step 4

- ✓ One at a time a student (or group) contradict one of the statements, saying for example:  
لم تذهب/ تذهبي إلى مطعم هندي أمس.  
عادةً لا تلعب/ تلعبين كرة الريشة بعد العشاء.
- ✓ You can give a points for a correct or incorrect challenge.
- ✓ The student (or group) with the most points at the end is the winner.

You can make this game more challenging or simpler by varying the number and complexity of the sentences to suit the level of the students.

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