



Video Worksheet

Unit number: 7 Topic: Describing places

Video: Mahmoud describes his apartment

Go to the *Mastering Arabic* website to play the video of Mahmoud introducing himself and talking about his apartment in Cairo (al-qāhira).

See if you can answer these questions:

- 1 What feature of Cairo is near to the apartment ?
- 2 What is the name of the street?
- 3 What is there at the start of the street?
- 4 What is there next to Mahmoud's house?
- 5 Is there a television or internet in the apartment? Why/Why not?



Extension activity

✓ Watch the video and write the missing words in the gaps.

أهلاً! أنا _____ محمود. شَقَّتِي فِي _____ الْقَاهِرَةِ.

الشَّقَّة قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْ _____ النَّيْلِ، فِي شَارِعِ إِسْمِهِ

_____ الدُّكْتُورُ فَوْزِي مَفْتَا حَ.”

هُنَاكَ بَنَكٌ _____ فِي أَوَّلِ الشَّارِعِ، وَسِينَمَا بِجَانِبِ

الْبَيْتِ. فِي الشَّقَّةِ _____ هُنَاكَ تَلِيْفِزْيُونٌ، وَلَيْسَ

_____ إِنْتَرْنِتَ، لِأَنِّي لَا أَسْكُنُ هُنَاكَ. أَنَا _____

فِي مَدِينَةِ أُكْسْفُورْدِ.

✓ See the following page for a full transcript, a translation, notes and answers to the comprehension questions and Extension activity.

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Transcript

أهلاً! أنا اسمي محمود. شَقَّتِي فِي مَدِينَةِ الْقَاهِرَةِ.
الشَّقَّةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْ نَهْرِ النَّيْلِ، فِي شَارِعِ إِسْمِهِ "شَارِعِ
الدُّكْتُورِ فَوْزِيِّ مُفْتَاخٍ".

هُنَاكَ بَنْكٌ كَبِيرٌ فِي أَوَّلِ الشَّارِعِ، وَسِينَمَا بِجَانِبِ الْبَيْتِ.
فِي الشَّقَّةِ لَيْسَ هُنَاكَ تِلِفِزِيُونَ، وَلَيْسَ هُنَاكَ إِنْتَرْنِتْ،
لَأَنِّي لَا أَسْكُنُ هُنَاكَ. أَنَا أَسْكُنُ فِي مَدِينَةِ أُكْسْفُورْدِ.

Translation

Hello! My name's Mahmoud. My apartment is in the city of Cairo.

The apartment is near the River Nile, in a street called "Doctor Fawzi Muftah Street".

There's a large bank at the start of the street, and a cinema next to the house [i.e. the apartment building].

In the apartment there isn't a television and there isn't internet because I don't live there. I live in the city of Oxford.

Notes

- ✓ **أَوَّلُ الشَّارِعِ** (awwal ash-shāriʿ) means 'the start of the street', in contrast to **أَوَّلُ شَارِعٍ** (awwal shāriʿ) which means 'the first street'.
- ✓ **لَأَنِّي** (li'anni) = 'because I'

See the transcript above for the missing words.

Answers to Extension activity

1 The River Nile. 2 Doctor Fawzi Muftah Street. 3 A large bank. 4 A cinema. 5 No, there is neither because Mahmoud doesn't live there.

Answers to comprehension questions

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