



The Places Game

Title: *Mastering Arabic 1*

Unit number: 12

Topic: Nouns of place (مفعلة/مفعل)

Aim: To consolidate the pattern for nouns of place

Materials needed:

- Print-outs of game board (one per group)
- Dice
- Counters

This game is a fun way of revising nouns of place (مفعلة/مفعل). You can make it more or less challenging depending on the ability of your students.

Step 1

- ✓ Introduce patterns for nouns of place and complete *Mastering Arabic 1*, Exercise 11 (page 163).

Step 2

- ✓ Divide the students into groups. As few as two students or as many as four or five.
- ✓ Give each group a printed game board as attached, one dice and a counter for each student.
- ✓ Establish that the board has photos of different places, all following the مفعلة/مفعل pattern. Elicit one or two examples from the board.

Step 3

- ✓ Explain that all players must put their counters on START and then throw the dice in turn.
- ✓ Each player moves the number of squares on the dice and then says the name of the place on which he or she lands, e.g. مصنع.
- ✓ If the player can say the Arabic place, he or she can stay on the square. If not the counter must be moved back to where it was before the turn.

Step 4

- ✓ Players take turns throwing the dice and moving their counters.
- ✓ A player needs to throw the exact number to land on FINISH first and is then the winner.

You can adapt this game to include plurals of the places, so that a player needs to say مصنع/مصانع. You could also pre-teach a simple sentence as a model. Each player then throws the dice and needs to produce the simple pre-taught sentence to match the square. For example, if a player lands on the picture of the museum, he or she could say:

ذَهَبْتُ إِلَى المتحفِ أَمْسَ.

(This would also help the students prepare for the next unit, Unit 13.)

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