



One Word Story

Title: *Mastering Arabic 1*

Unit number: 14

Topic: Narrating a story

Aim: To revise past tense and improve speaking and listening skills

Materials needed:

- None

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

Step 1

- ✓ Complete Units 13 and 14 of *Mastering Arabic 1* and, if possible, the accompanying units of *Mastering Arabic Activity Book*.

These cover the basic past tense and will give the students useful vocabulary for their story.

- ✓ It's useful also to teach students the phrase **كان هناك** if they are not already familiar with it.

Step 2

- ✓ Explain to the students that they are going to tell a story about what happened yesterday, adding one word at a time.
- ✓ Write up on the board some vocabulary that you want them to include in the story (e.g. **ذهبت / أكلت / صديقي / تين**).

Step 3

- ✓ Start the story with the word **أمس**.
- ✓ The students take turns to add one word at a time to the story, e.g.:

أمس... ذهبت... إلى... مطعم... غريب... مع... صديقي...
و... في... وسط... المطعم... كان... هناك... شجرة... تين...

- ✓ It doesn't matter how bizarre the story is, but be prepared to correct grammar a little if necessary (e.g. feminine adjectives).

Step 4

- ✓ You can recap the story after each sentence, or ask the students to do this from memory.
- ✓ Alternatively you can write the story on the board as the students make it up.

You can easily adapt this game to other topics, changing the subject and vocabulary to suit the level of the students.

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