



# Describing People

**Title:** *Mastering Arabic 2*

**Unit number:** 8

**Topic:** Describing people

**Aim:** To review age/clothes

**Materials needed:**

- Photo (as attached).
- Other similar photos of people.

This is a review activity that brings together different topics. It is most useful after completing the main part of Unit 8, *Mastering Arabic 2*, but before tackling the extended “Clothes Show” listening on pages 130-131.

## Step 1

- ✓ Complete *Mastering Arabic 2*, Unit 8, pages 118–128 and the associated exercises.

## Step 2

- ✓ Display the main photo (this has been chosen for the variety of characters and clothing).
- ✓ In pairs, ask the students to write down as many of the Arabic words as they can for the clothes and colours they see in the picture.
- ✓ Elicit the words and write them on the board.

## Step 3

- ✓ Choose one of the people in the picture and ask questions about age and clothing (including colours) so that you build up a description, e.g.

هناك امرأة في وسط الصورة. أعتقد أن عمرها  
حوالي أربعين سنة وهي تلبس حجاباً رمادياً، ...

- ✓ You can extend the description into opinions about the characters, nationalities and jobs of the people in the picture to add an additional level of sophistication to the description.

## Step 4

- ✓ In pairs, ask the students to choose another person in the picture and create a similar description (it can be someone in the background).
- ✓ Each pair should then describe the person to the rest of the class and they decide who it is.

## Step 5

- ✓ Ask students to write up their descriptions.
- ✓ Students can also bring in their own photos of family and friends to describe to the class.

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