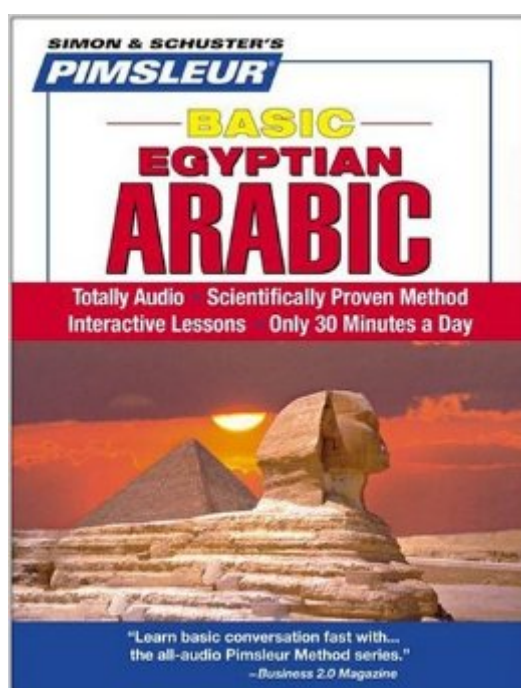


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# Pimsleur Arabic (Egyptian) Basic Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-10 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Egyptian Arabic With Pimsleur Language Programs



## Synopsis

The Pimsleur® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. You™ll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-10 from the Arabic (Egyptian) Level 1 program - 5 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Get a chance to test drive the incredibly effective and efficient, world-famous Pimsleur Level 1 Program. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Egyptian Arabic. The Egyptian Arabic Language Arabic is the world's 6th most common language with 295 million native speakers. It is also the liturgical language of 1.6 billion Muslims as it is the language of the Qur'an the holy book of Islam. Egyptian Arabic is mainly spoken in urban Egypt. Egyptian Arabic has also gained a high degree of acceptance throughout the Arabic-speaking world because of its use in films. Pimsleur's Egyptian Arabic teaches the Cairene dialect, the prestige dialect spoken in Cairo, Egypt's capital city. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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## Customer Reviews

I am dating a guy from Egypt, and the majority of his family speak little or no English. I decided to try

to start learning Egyptian Arabic to be better able to converse with all of them. Although learning any language is going to take far longer than a month or two (which is how long I have had the CD's) I think that this is a GREAT place to start. They really stress pronunciation, and help you retain what you have learned by subtle reviews. My boyfriend and his family have been SO impressed by what I have learned and what I am now able to understand and contribute to the conversation. I guess that is the best test of all!! Over all, I would recommend this product highly.

I've made it most of the way through the CDs, and I feel that I've retained 99% of the vocabulary. The program uses hypothetical conversations to teach both vocabulary and grammar - a method which seems to work very well for my brain. The "teacher" guides you, sentence-by-sentence, through a conversation (repetition is key) until you can handle one side of the conversation on your own. The conversations themselves are a bit unimaginative - but one can't fault them too much for that (especially since they contain very useful everyday vocabulary). Overall, a very useful resource!

I decided to learn some Arabic before a two week holiday to Egypt. What I learnt from these lessons made such a difference to my time (and enjoyment) in Egypt. You only learn the basic tourist Arabic but it's enough. The locals understood my pronunciation and were very impressed. I was treated differently (better) than my fellow travelers. I wasn't hassled as much and the locals seemed more interested in me than selling me something! Be patient though. As the language was so foreign to me, I had to listen to the first CD several times before I felt comfortable with the learnings but it became easier with each CD. My only negative was that it was too short. I would have liked to learn more.

I've taken classes in Egyptian Arabic in the past but found their curriculum to be too 'dense'. You're expected to learn vocabulary and grammar points at an unnatural rate. On the otherhand, Pimsleur courses are slow and methodical. You'll only know a few words at the end of the ten lessons but you'll know them like the back of your hand. The complete course is highly recommended as well but try to see if your local library carries it first before buying it. BTW if you are interested in the type of Arabic found in the Quran, I've written a short book called 'Introduction to Quranic Arabic' that can be found

at: [http://www..com/gp/product/1411675533/sr=1-1/qid=1139460727/ref=sr\\_1\\_1/104-9570387-3262353?%5Fencoding=UTF8](http://www..com/gp/product/1411675533/sr=1-1/qid=1139460727/ref=sr_1_1/104-9570387-3262353?%5Fencoding=UTF8)

This is good, but I'm not so sure about the Pimsleur approach for me. I'm the kind of learner who needs to be looking at something, not just listening. A companion book would have been helpful, but of course that goes against this method. I think it really depends on what type of learner you are and what works for you. Of course nothing can take the place of total immersion when it comes to learning a language.

I have now tried 4 other Egyptian Arabic learning methods and this one is the best. I have already had two people tell me that I had "a really good accent". I find it so easy to learn and recall with these cds. I find that I can actually pronounce difficult words much better than when I have a printed booklet to look at. I have purchased this one and a German one, and I highly recommend both,

I will say that the method Pimsleur uses is really good. I really like how they randomly review vocab for reinforcement. However, they do NOT provide any text with their audio courses. So if you don't understand some word they are saying, you have NO option to look at anything to see it written out. I particularly had trouble distinguishing because 'inta' and 'imta'. inta = you (male) and imta = when. Also, some of the vocab Pimsleur teaches is no longer in use. I know this because I played some of the lessons to a friend of mine (she is a native Egyptian Arabic speaker), she laughed at what she heard, and then told me that this is sadly out of date. So, I give Pimsleur an A+ for the method they use. But unfortunately, I give them a C- for the lack of written material, and for teaching 'out of date' vocabulary.

Although the accents are authentic, the course is way too basic and repeats the same dialogue throughout the 5 discs with only minor changes. The best book I have found for Egyptian Arabic is Wightwick and Gaafar's "Colloquial Arabic of Egypt".

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