

# Basics of English Grammar

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# Vowels and Consonants

## المتحرك و الساكن

There are 5 vowels in the language:

**A E O U I**



Examples:

Deer

Cat

Student

Elephant

Idea

Usage of A, An, The depends on the nature of beginnings(V/C)?

A cat	a dog	a song	a commercial
An apple	an orange	an olives	an engineer
The orange	the dog	the life	the iron

Exercise: choose the correct answer:

(a-an) eye      (a-an) ear      (a-an) email      (a-an) parrot

# Pronouns

# الضمائر

We can replace it with the subject in the sentence

I	He	She	It	We	They	You
أنا	هو	هي	غير العاقل	نحن	هم	أنت/أنتم

**Verbs: The actions that occur or happen in the sentence**

- **Main verbs:**

Play	Go	Read	Speak	Write	Repeat	Listen	Type	Smell
Like	Collect	Sneeze	Whistle	Shout	Build	Eat	Drink	Laugh
Deny	Come	Go	Study	Watch	Advise	Adore	Prefer	Jump
Hear	Click	Communicate	Enlarge	Fire	Score	Work	Mend	
Meet	Have	Be	Do	Can	Sweep	Clean	Wash	Trick
Put	Take	Give	Get	Make	Keep	Let	Say	See
Send	Cause	Act	Attack	Attempt	Awake	Bite	Blow	Burn
Burst	Control	Cook	Cry	Damage	Desire	Doubt	Fly	Give
Guide	Hate	Hear	Hope	Jump	Kick	Kiss	Laugh	Lead
Let	Love	Measure	Regret	Reward	Roll	Shake	Slip	Sneeze
Support	Swim	Taste	Touch	Wash	Whistle	Advertise		

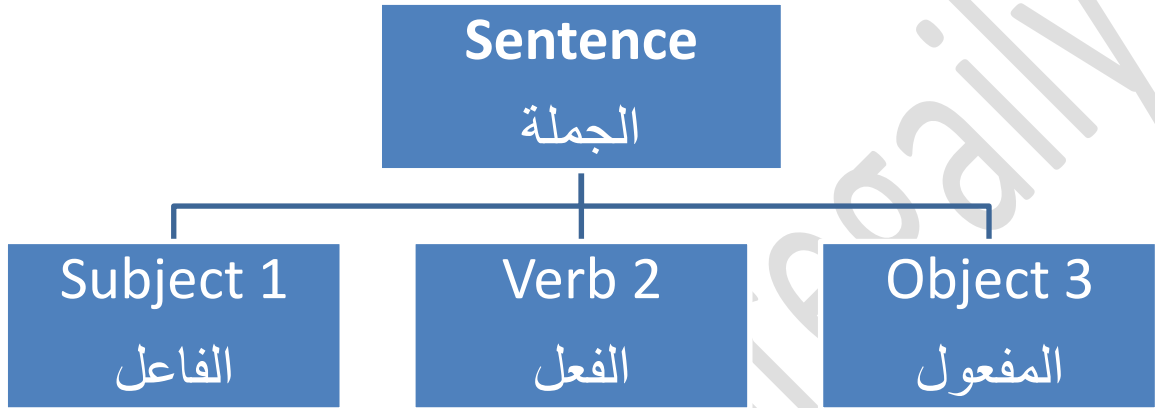
Try to understand the meaning of each verb...

- **Helping Verbs: It help you to ask questions and make negatives:**

Am	Is	Are	Was	Were
Have	Has	Had	Do	Does
Did	Can	Could	May	Might

Must	Ought to	Will	Would	Shall
should				

## تركيب الجملة Parts Of Speech



1. **I**            **like**            **fish.**  
       (Subj)            (Verb)            (Obj)

2. **We**            **go**            **to school**            **on foot.**

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3. **You**            **can**            **read**            **now.**

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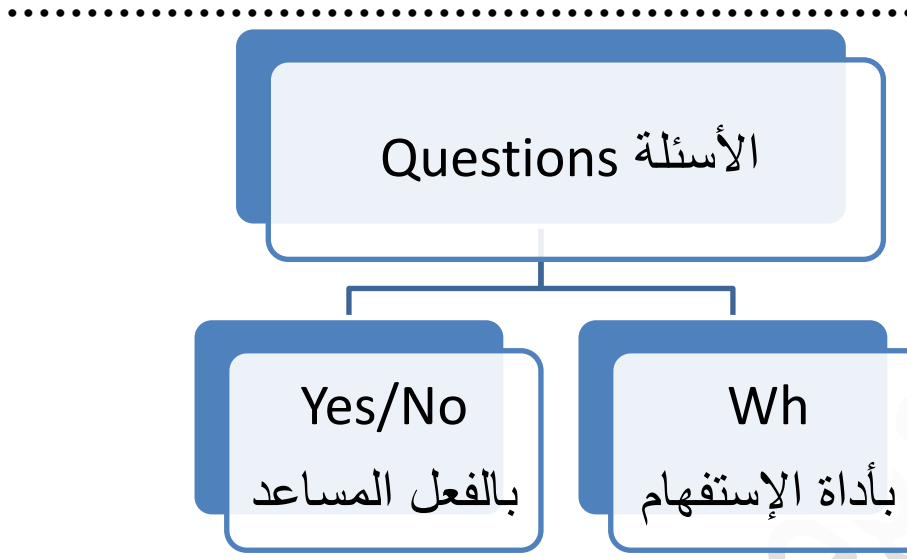
4. **She**            **is**            **a good**            **girl.**

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5. **Mahmoud and Dina**            **are**            **good students.**

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6. Boys answer the questions quickly.



## Yes/No Questions

### Present simple Tense المضارع البسيط 1<sup>st</sup> form

We can make it using helping verbs (Do, Does,...)

Does	she	meet	the man?
Do	You	like	meat ?
(Helping)	(Subject)	(Verb)	(Remain....الباقي)

#### Answers:

- Yes, she does الإثبات
- No, she does not النفي
- Yes, I do
- No, I don't

**Note: Helping verbs changes by the change of tense in the sentence.**

**Present: Do, Does**  
**Past simple: Did**

- **Past simple:**

**Did you play the game?**

**Yes, I did**

**No, I didn't**

**Yes, I played the game**

**No, I didn't play the game**

**Did she read the newspaper?**

**Yes, she did**

**No, she did not**



- **We have different tenses and different ways to ask yes/no questions...**

## **Wh Questions**

<b>(Wh)</b>	<b>(helping verb)</b>	<b>(subject)</b>	
<b>What</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>it?</b>	
<b>Who</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>you?</b>	
<b>Where</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>she?</b>	
<b>Which</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>a good idea?</b>	
<b>Why</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>lazy?</b>

How are you?

When do you get up?

## Past simple Tense

### زمن الماضي البسيط

Form: 2<sup>nd</sup> form

#### Regular verbs:-

I played football yesterday.

He cooked food last week.

They studied hard 5 hours ago.

We switched off lights last night.

#### Irregular verbs:-

Ahmed broke the glass.

I brought things you asked about.

She understood the lesson well.

They came to the university to learn.

The student wrote the assignments.

#### Regular verbs: الأفعال المنتظمة

يلعب Play	Played	Played
يتحدث Talk	Talk	Talked



Like يحب	Liked	Liked
Wash يغسل	Washed	Washed
Receive يستقبل	Received	Received

Irregular verbs examples: الأفعال الغير منتظمة

1 <sup>st</sup> form	2 <sup>nd</sup> form	3 <sup>rd</sup> form
Break يكسر	Broke	Broken
Speak يتكلم	Spoke	Spoken
Write يكتب	Wrote	Written
Take يأخذ	Took	Took
Read يقرأ	Read	Read
Forget ينسى	Forgot	Forgotten
Understand يفهم	Understood	Understood
Cut يقطع	Cut	Cut
Feel يشعر	Felt	Felt
Fail يفشل	Failed	Failed
Be(am,is,are) يكون	Was/Were	Been
Become يصبح	Became	Become
Come يأتي	Came	Come
Begin يبدأ	Began	Begun
Bite يعض	Bit	Bitten
blow يهب	blew	Blown
Build يبني	Built	Built
Burn يحرق	Burnt	Burnt
Can يستطيع	Could	-----
Catch يمسك	Caught	Caught
Choose يختار	Chose	Chosen



Deal يتعامل	Dealt	Dealt
Do يفعل	Did	Done
Draw يرسم	Drew	Drawn
Dream يحلم	Dreamt	Dreamt
Drink يشرب	Drank	Drunk
Drive يقود	Drove	Driven
Eat يأكل	Ate	Eaten
Fall يسقط	Fell	Fallen
Feed يطعم	Fed	Fed
Fight يتشاجر	Fought	Fought
Find يجد	Found	Found
Fly يطير	Flew	Flown
Freeze يتجمد	Froze	Frozen
Get يحصل على	Got	Got
Give يعطي	Gave	Given
Go يذهب	Went	Gone
Grow ينمو	Grew	Grown
Have يمتلك	Had	Had
Keep يربي	Kept	Kept
Know يعرف	Knew	Known
Learn يتعلم	Learnt	Learnt
Leave يترك	Left	Left
Believe يصدق	Belief	Belief
Loose يخسر	Lost	Lost
Mean يعني	Meant	Meant
Make يصنع	Made	Made
Meet يقابل	Met	Met
Must لابد	-----	-----

Ride يركب	Rode	Ridden
Ring يرن	Rang	Rung
Rise يرفع	Rose	Risen
Run يجري	Ran	Run
See يرى	Saw	Seen
Sell يبيع	Sold	Sold
Send يرسل	Sent	Sent
Shall أقترح أن	Should	-----
Sing يعني	Sang	Sung
Spend يقضي	Spent	Spent
Teach يتعلم	Taught	Taught
Tell يخبر	Told	Told
Think يعتقد	Thought	Thought
Throw يقذف	Threw	Thrown
Wear يرتدي	Wore	Worn

### Yes/no questions:

Did you play football yesterday?

(دائماً يأتي الفعل المساعد في أول جملة السؤال و يليه الفاعل ثم الفعل الأساسي)

- Yes, I did (short answer)

Or

- Yes, I played football yesterday (long answer)
- No, I did not

Or

- No, I didn't play football yesterday

(الفعل المساعد يرجع الفعل للمصدر بدون إضافات)

## Wh questions:

- What did he take for the trip?

He took a lot of things.

- When did he go to school?

He went to school at 7 o'clock

- Who helped you?

Mr.Mahmmoud alregaily helped me.

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**EX: Write a short story that happened to you in the past simple tense consists of 10 sentences...**

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# Present Continuous Tense

## زمن المضارع المستمر

- Form: Be (Am,Is,Are)+v+ing
- He is reading a magazine
- She is cooking the food now.
- They are drawing a circle at this moment.
- I am doing my homework.
- Heba is writing a letter now.

### Yes/No questions:

- Is he reading a novel?
- .....
- Are they eating a sandwich?
- .....
- Is Asmaa drinking coffee?
- .....

### Wh Questions:

- What is he reading?  
He is reading a letter.
- Where are they going?  
They are going to school
- When is he visiting his uncle?  
He is visiting his uncle now.

# Future Simple Tense

## زمن المستقبل البسيط

### Will+Inf

- I will go to school tomorrow
- She will see a doctor next week
- We will be there the day after tomorrow

### Going to+ Inf

- He is going to teach us a good lesson
- They are going to learn how to cook well

EX- He (will-can-swim) come tomorrow

They (am-is-are) going to fly to Rome next month

They will (leave-left-life) after 5 minutes



# Present Perfect

## زمن المضارع التام

### V to have + P.P

- I have already worked for 3 hours
- We have stayed since last week
- She hasn't played tennis yet
- We have already seen the movie
- He has just finished the homework
- We haven't collected our tools yet
- Have you ever been to Rome?
- No, I have never been to Rome

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## IF CONDITIONS حالات الشرط

### 1-If + Present simple + Present simple

- If you heat water , it turns into steam

### 2-If + Present Simple + (Will+Inf)

- If you study hard, you will succeed

### 3-If + Past Simple +(Would+Inf)

- If he broke a record, he'd be famous  
4-If + Past Perfect +(Would have + PP)
- If we had recycled the papers, the environment would have been clean

## Active and Passive

### المبني للمعلوم و المجهول

### (Be + PP)

- He writes a letter (Active)

A letter is written (by him) (Passive)

- He wrote a letter (Active)

A letter was written (Passive)

- He is writing a letter(Active)

A letter is being written (Passive)

- He will write a letter(Active)

A letter will be written (Passive)

- He has written a letter since 10 o'clock(Active)

A letter has been written (Passive)

- Write a letter(Active)

Let a letter be written (Passive)



- Used to .....إعتاد على.....

I used to play basketball when I was a child

- Is Used to.....يستخدم في = Used for writing

The pen is used to write words

## Prepositions

## حروف الجر

- |          |   |                         |
|----------|---|-------------------------|
| • on     | • days of the week                                | • on Monday             |
|          | • months / seasons                                | • in August / in winter |
| • in     | • time of day                                     | • in the morning        |
|          | • year  | • in 2006               |
|          | • After a certain period of time ( <i>when?</i> ) | • in an hour            |
| • at     | • for <i>night</i>                                | • at night              |
|          | • for <i>weekend</i>                              | • at the weekend        |
|          | • A certain point of time ( <i>when?</i> )        | • at half past nine     |
| • since  | • from a certain point of time (past till now)    | • since 1980            |
| • for    | • over a certain period of time (past till now)   | • for 2 years           |
| • ago    | • a certain time in the past                      | • 2 years ago           |
| • before | • earlier than a certain point of time            | • before 2004           |
| • to     | • telling the time                                | • ten to six (5:50)     |
| • past   | • telling the time                                | • ten past six          |



(6:10)

- **to / till / until**
  - **till / until**
  - **by**
  - **under**
  - **below**
  - **over**
  - **above**
  - **across**
  - **through**
  - **to**
- **marking the beginning and end of a period of time**
  - **in the sense of how long something is going to last**
  - **in the sense of at the latest**
  - **up to a certain time**
  - **on the ground, lower than (or covered by) something else**
  - **lower than something else but above ground**
  - **covered by something else**
  - **meaning more than**
  - **getting to the other side (also across)**
  - **overcoming an obstacle**
  - **higher than something else, but not directly over it**
  - **getting to the other side (also over)**
  - **getting to the other side**
  - **something with limits on top, bottom and the sides**
  - **movement to person or building**
- **from Monday to/till Friday**
  - **He is on holiday until Friday.**
  - **I will be back by 6 o'clock.**
  - **By 11 o'clock, I had read five pages.**
  - **the bag is under the table**
  - **the fish are below the surface**
  - **put a jacket over your shirt**
  - **over 16 years of age**
  - **walk over the bridge**
  - **climb over the wall**
  - **a path above the lake**
  - **walk across the bridge**
  - **swim across the lake**
  - **drive through the tunnel**
  - **go to the cinema**
  - **go to London /**

- **into**
    - **movement to a place or country**
    - **for bed**
  - **towards**
    - **enter a room / a building**
    - **movement in the direction of something (but not directly to it)**
  - **onto**
    - **movement to the top of something**
  - **from**
    - **in the sense of where from**
- **Ireland**
  - **go to bed**
  - **go into the kitchen / the house**
  - **go 5 steps towards the house**
  - **jump onto the table**
  - **a flower from the garden**

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# Common Expressions

## تعبيرات شائعة

What's up?	ماذا الأمر؟
You are very handy!	أنت متعاون
Let's catch this taxi	هيا نلحق بالتاكسي
He is catching a cold	هو مصاب بالبرد
Have a nice time	أتمنى لك وقتاً سعيداً
I'd prefer to go .....	أفضل الذهاب
Whatever floats your boat	مهما حدث سوف تستمر
I'm out of....	لقد إستنفذت....
What do you do? = what's your job?	ما هي وظيفتك؟
You should study hard	يجب أن تذاكر بجد
You need to break ice	تحتاج لكسر الجمود
You look tired	تبدو متعباً
She is in the clouds	إنها تحلم!
I will go banana	سوف يجن جنوني!
It rains cats and dogs	إنها تمطر بغزارة
It's a piece of cake!	إنه لشيء سهل
He is a black sheep	إنه رجل سيء للغاية
They are <u>crazy</u> about pop music!	إنهم مهوسون بالموسيقى الشعبية
Let's go now	هيا نذهب الآن
Break a record	يحطم الرقم القياسي
Sentenced to life/death	يحكم عليه بمؤبد/ بالإعدام
At the drop of a hat	في قرّة العين...مهم للغاية
Call it a day	أخيراً إنتهى اليوم
From A to Z	من الأول للآخر

Take it or leave it	خذه بالكامل أو اتركه بالكامل
Let the cat out of the bag	صرح عما بداخلك
Kick the bucket	يموت
Pull somebody's leg= to lie	يكذب
Through thick and thin	مع الجميع كبير و صغير
What a pity!	يا للحسرة!
Bite the Bullet	يعاني كثيراً
Cat got your tongue	لماذا لا تتكلم؟
How much does it cost?	كم السعر؟
How much water do you have?	كم كمية المياه لديك؟
How many pens on the table?	كم عدد الأقلام على الطاولة؟
How far do you live from here?	كم يبعد مسكنك عن هنا؟
Put me in the picture	ضعني في الصورة (أخبرني بكل شيء)
Whose pen is this?	لمن هذا القلم؟
He used to smoke when he was 18	إعتاد على التدخين منذ سن 18 عام
It was so kind of you to come	كرم منك أن تأتي
Please, do not mention it	لا داعي للشكر
The thief was red handed	تم ضبط اللص متلبساً
How long are you staying?	كم ستبقى؟
Could you tell me the time, please?	هل يمكنك أن تخبرني الوقت؟
Do not cut the corners	لا تسهل الأمور
I would be glad if you come	سأكون سعيداً لو أتيت
I'd rather go now	أفضل الذهاب الآن
What's wrong with you?	ماخطبك؟
Tell me about yourself	اخبرني عن نفسك
What/How about you?	ماذا عنك؟
Where do you live?	أين تعيش؟
What do you mean?	ماذا تعني؟

Did you enjoy yourself?	هل إستمتعت؟
What are you talking about?	عن ماذا تتحدث؟
That sounds good!!	يبدو جيداً
I will be there in 1 hour	سأكون هناك بعد ساعة
Let's go there	هيا نذهب هناك
Nice to meet you	من اللطف أن أقابلك
Are you ready to order, sir?	هل أنت مستعد للطلب (المطعم)؟
I'll be right back	سأعود
What do you recommend for...?	ماذا تقترح من أجل...?
You ate like a horse!	لقد أكلت كثيراً
Where are you from	من أين أتيت؟
What do you do?	ماذا تعمل؟
What's your nationality?	ماهي جنسيتك؟
Single or married?	أعذب أم متزوج؟
Where do you live?	أين تعيش؟
How often do you go to school?	كم مرة تذهب للمدرسة؟
See you later	أراك فيما بعد
Take care	احذر
How can I help you?	كيف يمكنني مساعدتك؟
Here you are	تفضل
Thanks (الرد) ... الإجابة	شكراً.. مرحباً بك
How are you feeling?	كيف تشعر؟
What a wonderful day!	ياله من يوم رائع!

## Phrasal verbs

### أفعال مرتبطة بحروف جر

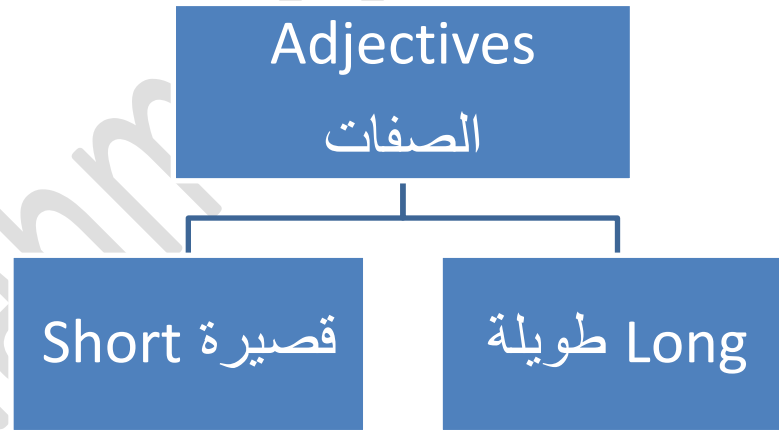
Take off

تقلع الطائرة / يخلع ملابسه

Break into	يقتحم
Look for	يبحث عن
Look like	يشبه
Look forward to+ (v+ing)	يتطلع إلى
Look after	يعتني بـ
Looks tired	يبدو متعب
Fond of	مغرم بـ
Responsible for	مسئول عن
Keen on	شغوف بـ
Search for	يبحث عن
Angry with	مجنون بـ
Communicate with	يتصل بـ
Take place	يحدث
Look up	يبحث عن كلمة في قاموس
Give up	يتخلى عن
Carry out	يؤدي
Put out	يطفىء النار
Come in	يأتي
Go on	يستمر
Hold on	ينتظر
Believe in	يعتقد/يؤمن
Blow up	ينفخ
Break down	يتعطل (للسيارة و الميكنة)
Call back	يعاود الإتصال
Call off	يلغي الإتصال
Call round	يزور شخص لفترة قصيرة
Check in	فحص تذاكر الطيران
Check up	يفحص
Eat out	الأكل خارج البيت
Grow up	ينمو
Hang up	يعلق
Hurry up	يسرع

Make up	يكذب
Meet up	يقابل ليتعاون مع مجموعة
Pick up	يلتقط
Put off = postpone	يؤجل
Queue up	يصطف
Read out	يقرأ و يعلي من صوته
Rely on = Trust	يثق بـ
Run out of	يستنفذ
Set off	يبدأ رحلة
Throw away	يلقي بشيء
Wake up	يستيقظ/يوقظ
Wait for	ينتظر فلان
Write down	يكتب لكي يحفظ

## Adjectives and comparison



- **Short adjectives:** just 1 syllable

Ex: tall, short, big, small

- **Long adjectives:** 2 syllables or more

Ex: expensive, handsome, and beautiful

# COMPARISON المقارنة

- Mahmoud is **as tall as** Loza (الطرفان متكافئان)
- Mahmoud is **taller than** Ahmed (محمود أطول من أحمد)
- Mahmoud is **the tallest** (محمود هو الأكثر طولاً بين المجموعة)
- \*\*\*\*\*
- Samy is **as handsome as** Salah
- Samy is **more** handsome than Sameh
- Samy is **the most** handsome
- Samy is better than Ahmed
- Ali is worse than Metwally
- Ali is the best one in the city
- Soheer is the worst girl, she smokes a lot





# CONJUNCTIONS الروابط

I wanted to make one sentence using 2 sentences....

When	When he spoke to me, I had been so happy
While	While I was walking, I saw a horrible accident
After	After I had played football, I met my friend
Before	I talked to him ,before I had gone to school
As soon as	As soon as we had written the letter, My father came
Although	Although he is rich, he is sad
Because=as	I loved her because she is beautiful
And	I went to the supermarket to buy vegetables and fruit
But	She is here but she refuses to meet me
Or	You can take tea or coffee
For	I have talked to him for 3 hours
Yet	She hasn't finished homework here
So	He is sick so he went to see a doctor
Whenever	You can see me whenever you want
Since	I have played basketball since 10 o'clock
So that	We take blanket ,so that we can keep warm
Until	Never put it until tomorrow, what you can do

	today
As long as	As long as you confirm orders, you will earn a lot of money
That	a cat is an animal that is very beautiful
However	We live in a small city however we are happy
Moreover	Moreover, he likes fish
In fact	In fact, he is a clever man
Wherever	We can be in touch wherever you want

## Prepositions

### حروف الجر

I go **to** school everyday  
 I traveled **to** Alex by bus  
 My book is **on** the shelf  
 I will come to you **on** Monday  
 The ball is **on** the desk  
 They visited their grandfather **in** 2009  
 We met him **at** 10 o'clock  
 The shark lives **under** the sea  
 The fan is **above** the floor  
 We rest **at** home

## Some & Any

- I bought some pens and papers yesterday
- Does he buy any cds?
- He doesn't buy any cds till now

## A lot, much, few and many

- I have so much sugar in my tea
- I have few dishes in my kitchen
- I have many games in my box
- I have a lot of eggs/juice in the fridge

Either....or & neither ...nor

- I don't remember if either Ahmed or dina wanted a doll for fun
- Neither Dina nor Ahmed have an appointment now

'd rather, 'd prefer, 'd like, 'd mind

- I'd rather go to school
- I'd prefer to go=going to school
- I'd like to go now
- I'd mind going to school

# Relative pronouns ضمائر الوصل

- Ameera is the person **who** told me the truth
- This is the person **whom** I met
- I liked the story **which** was on the shelf
- That's a good idea!
- I am married to the man **whose** father related to the president
- This is the place **where** I was born

## QUESTION TAG السؤال المذيّل

(أليس كذلك؟)

- You liked the play, **didn't** you?
- He likes the play, **doesn't** he?
- She can't swim, **can** she?
- They were absent, **weren't** they?
- We couldn't stay at home, **could** we?

