

# Arabic Language Day



Celebrating the richness and diversity of the Arabic language, serving as an opportunity to explore its cultural significance.

Here are some insights into the Arabic language...

The official language of

**22 Countries**

and it's one of the six official languages of the United Nations

It's at least

**1500**

years old

**6<sup>th</sup>** MOST SPOKEN language in the world

**422** MILLION speakers worldwide

**293** MILLION native language

APPROX **30** DIALECTS WORLDWIDE each distinct in pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar

There are **28** LETTERS in the Arabic alphabet

## Diversity of Dialects

### Iraqi Arabic

9.3% OF SPEAKERS

Significant presence due to Iraq's cultural and historical significance

### Sudanese Arabic

9.8% OF SPEAKERS

Widely spoken in Sudan, extending its influence to neighbouring regions

### Egyptian Arabic

25% OF SPEAKERS

Widely understood and recognised across the Arab world

### Maghrebi Arabic

12.5% OF SPEAKERS

Prevalent in North African countries, particularly Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya

### Gulf Arabic

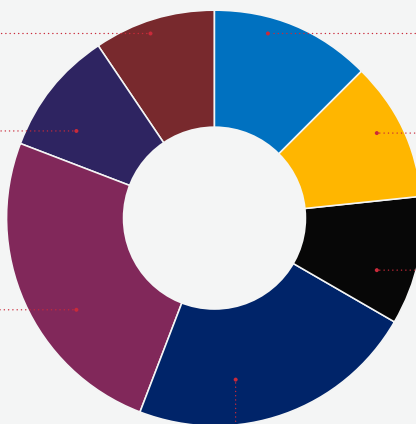
11% OF SPEAKERS

Influential in Arabian Gulf countries like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and the UAE

### Levantine Arabic

10% OF SPEAKERS

Prominent in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Palestine, with regional impact



### Other

22.4% OF SPEAKERS

It's estimated you would need

**2200** HOURS / **88** WEEKS

of study, to be proficient in Arabic

**Happy Arabic Language Day!**

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