

In late December 2012, one brother posted the following comment under one of our Arabic teaching videos:

"Masha'Allah very beneficial series of videos. My only apprehension is that I've taken Arabic in different curriculums for several years and because of that I understood all of the concepts really well and even better but I really wonder if the beginners really understood the lecture series or is it meant for people who have taken and struggled in Arabic before? I ask because I have a friend who might be interested but has never taken Arabic before. Any feedback from those who are new and watched the series of videos and read the report".

*-Mujeebullah*

We forwarded the question to our students and mailing list subscribers to get their point of view on this. If you're just a beginner starting to learn Arabic or a veteran student who's returning to their studies, you'll find their answers motivating. They'll remind you why we're studying in the first place and tell you what they did to get started and how they got to where they are today

Here are their responses...

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I am one of those who have taken Arabic and struggled with it before. I spent 2 years on and off as an autodidact going through the University of Madeenah series. While the U Madeenah series has helped many students learn Arabic it mainly benefited those who were taught in person in Madeenah. For those outside Madeenah it is a challenge. Enter the Shariah Program. The course is taught by someone who has mastered Arabic and very importantly someone who has simultaneous command of the English language. His command of both languages really helps him communicate sometimes abstract or arcane concepts to the English speaker. The videos progress in a logical and methodical fashion. Concepts that remain fuzzy are clarified in comments sections or later in live sessions and through constant repeated reinforcement. One can pause, rewind, re-watch the videos to understand concepts. This flexibility is a luxury not afforded to students in traditional classroom environments. How would an absolute beginner do in this course? There's a Premium Alphabet course which is part of the package that primes and positions the beginner to commence the series. There is no magic bullet course in Arabic out there. Language acquisition, as the linguists have said, is a skill acquisition. Skill acquisition has no shortcuts. Therefore language acquisition requires concerted effort, diligence, and practice. The Shariah Arabic program is geared to teach you Arabic grammar from ground up until you can start deciphering classical Islamic literature, or hadeeth, or the Quran on your own. Since we have been created to worship Allah then can there be any better pursuit of knowledge except to be able to read the word of Allah and understand it? Any one who signs up for this course will be much better equipped 1 year from his start date and he will look back and say it was money well spent.

- Tanvir

Assalamu alaikum,

I have been studying Arabic for a few years. I have had an amazing experience with the front ended approach of Shariah Program. As non Arabs the most important thing to grasp is grammar and morphology. We could theoretically learn thousands of words but only get a very small percentage of the meaning of sentences and be more likely to get a total opposite meaning without a strong foundation in morphology and grammar.

In English, we understand sentences based on order of words. In Arabic, you can practically say the same thing in numerous ways because what matters is the syntax of the sentence and knowing the grammar rules that govern the sentence.

I have tested out part of the method with my own students who are absolute beginners in the language. I have basically mimicked the program and have witnessed excellent results. They have picked up the structure of verbs and basic grammar quite fast and are already looking at the Qur'an from a different perspective. Verses of the Qur'an start popping out and they get a 'shiver' down their spine as I did when first learning the language. I have already gone through half of the first volume of Qasas an-Nabiyyeen and they have been able to translate it fairly accurately. Also, I get them to translate simple verses of the Qur'an and certain ahadith. It has really built their confidence and eagerness to continue learning. Please note, I conduct this class only once a week with my students at the secondary school I teach at. Also, please note that I am not an expert like Yusuf Mullan but, the method has still struck success. Imagine the rate of success of your friend who will have more time and hours of instruction!

I believe that your friend if really interested in learning Arabic will benefit with this program because it is based on a system that has been mastered and used for hundreds of years in parts of the world where Arabic is not an official language like India, Pakistan etc. Other programs are designed for people who are residents in Arab lands and thus, take a slower approach and spend more time on learning about day to day things by focusing on vocabulary. Grammar and morphology are not taught until much later. As an example, by the time you complete the first 3 weeks of the Shariah Program you would have covered approximately Book 1 and half of Book 2 of the Madinah series in terms of grammar and morphology. The meat of grammar and morphology are not touched until Book 3. While in the Shariah Program you are getting straight to the grammar etc as soon as you begin. You might wonder what's the use of grammar and morphology if you don't have vocabulary. You pick up vocab by reading the book 'Qasas an-Nabiyyeen'. This book goes hand in hand with the 'theory'.

Yusuf Mullan and his team have done an admirable job in explaining the 'difficult' concepts. He gives tons of examples and makes use of the major 'text': Qasas an-Nabiyyeen to solidify the theory. He breaks down every concept that he teaches in a visual format. His use of the tablet and markers really

aids the student. From an educational point of view the program covers auditory, visual and tactile. You watch and listen to the lessons and you verbally practice the verbs and translation of text during the live classes. Materials are available for all types of people. If you need charts to help you learn there are charts. If you like seeing things, there are flash cards and of course the actual presentations. If you need things to be really broken down into the simplest building blocks, well he does that too.

You might be thinking that I am advertising because I spent so much money on the program and you might be right. However, consider that reality is two fold with me. 1. People that know me, know that I speak my mind and don't beat around the bush. If I don't like something or don't think something is worth money or time or whatever I am not afraid to state that. 2. Even before this program I have always believed in the method used to teach. I believe the best way to learn Arabic for non-Arabs is via grammar and morphology. This program just exemplified what I had already believed in.

If your friends wants to start really feeling the message of the Qur'an I'd suggest he try this program out and to work diligently in attaining his goal. With the help of Allah he will benefit.

I hope the above helps your friend. I suggest he read the report and watch the videos to get a better idea. The report does a wonderful job in illustrating the method Shariah Program employs in teaching the language.

Take care and Wassalam

- Ibn Shahid

Assalamualaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatahu,

I speak from experience as a complete beginner to the study of Arabic language. I followed Ustadh Yusuf Mullan's advice in the introductory videos, put my mind to understand the report which gives like an important mapping to all the core concepts which will come in handy through out your study. I read it twice just so I could be well acquainted with the concepts once I went through the videos, MashaAllah, the videos themselves were carefully made so as to reiterate the important concepts, so it was like being walked through it to gain greater clarity. All I can say now is that I'm hooked, walhamdulillah. Your love for the language can only grow and the journey is made so much more easier with a well-structured, comprehensive road map like that of the Shariah program. May Allah SWT Bless you and your friend with ease on this journey. Aameen.

- Khadijah Madar

Assalaamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullah,

The course is appropriate for both beginners and students who have studies Arabic before. I can confirm

this myself as a student with prior exposure to the language, and after also seeing friends approach the course as beginners and thrive. The course is different to other courses out there, and so those who have studied before also get to experience a new superior way of learning. The course is definitely suitable for beginners – the use of the 80/20 principle and leading with complex material and continued exposure and re-exposure to the topics mean that it much easier to pick up than other courses which get harder as you go on. With this course, you have initial period of effort followed by a huge growth in progress with key concepts clicking in and everything becoming more natural as you go along as opposed to being more alien. I would definitely recommend you go for this course – it has changed my life and can change yours too if you let it inshaAllah.

- Usman Bhatti

I think that when it comes to this program a person whose only knowledge of the Arabic language is how to read the alphabet stands at no real disadvantage with respect to someone who's had prior exposure to various concepts of the language. I would even further argue that a person who's had some exposure before could be carrying with them the "baggage of methodology" that could be somewhat be an annoyance for them. Why? Consider this: Imagine that two persons "A" and "B" are called to solve a big puzzle. Person "A" is shown what the puzzle looks like once it is completed. And person "B" is not shown the puzzle but has seen various pieces of the puzzle before. In other words, think of the puzzle as the Arabic language and the pieces as the various rules. "A" as the beginner who enrolls in this program will learn the most applicable concepts first and their use and gets the details later on. "B" is the one who has been learning rules here and there but has no METHOD of joining the rules together and thus suffers frustration after frustration or memory fatigue. "A" is challenged at each step of the program and learns methodologies along with rules therefore what "A" achieves in 7 months; B would require much more time to do. For instance, by the time the first story of the prophets (a.s) book is finished, any examination of the last book of book series like Arabic tutor or the Madinah series (both of which I owned for 3 years without really doing much with them) will show you that you've had some exposure to most of the major topics discussed LAST in those books. In June 2012 I started going through the first videos of the program. My wife jokingly looked at my small notepad where I was jotting down the map of the Arabic language and indicated that I will have a long way to go before I can read without vowels. 7 months later, she found me preparing a page from an unvowelled copy of hidayatun nahw. She was so astonished by my progress that she immediately made an oath to start studying Arabic because she saw it happened. Alhamdulillah enrolling in this program has been the best investment I've made on my time and my education ever because not only it gave me the opportunity to optimize my time but also it is bringing closer to the Qur'an day after day.

- Sandiery

Assalamu'alaykum.. What is nahwu? What is saraf? What is Balaghah? These 3 questions are the most basic questions that a beginner should comprehend. WHY? so that we know what make arabic language so special? why it is different from other language? And for myself, i could not answer these questions although i have learn more than 10 videos from other Arabic lectures and attended several arabic classes.. I only knew the answers after reading the acceleration report and watched the first 3 videos by Mufti Yusuf!!! furthermore, i can explain to my friend who is at the third semester of his diploma of syariah islamiyyah in one of private Islamic college. My friend still could not explain properly between nahwu, saraf, and balaghah. Dear brother, the most important thing in learning the deen is not the certificate, but with whom you taking (learning) your deen from. Brother, we can spend so much of our times learning the arabic, but still confuse with the basic thing. we need a strong foundation, before building something on it.. Allah knows the best. thus, I did the solah istikharah before entering this program, and now im moving forward with shariahprogram. Alhamdulillah.. If your friend is a beginner in such that he could not properly understand the arabic letters and vowels, then shariahprogram provided 21 lessons, explaining each arabic letter and vowel.. All praises to Allah. If you and your friend are still in doubt, pray to Allah for his guidance in seeking the arabic knowledge to understand the Al-Quran.,as He knows the best. i did mine. hope to see you here in shariahprogram brother...May Allah bless you brother and your friend.... your brother, haikal from malaysia Also, thank you mufti Yusuf for teaching us.. Walhamdulillah.

- Haikal

Assalamualaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu,

I agree with our brother on the videos being presented are clear for listeners on the core concepts and principles of understanding classical arabic and i have to say that it does further benefit those who learned arabic before as well as those whom are totally new. Students might have studied arabic a year or so but not exposed and clarified about the language the same depth as it is taught in Shariah program. Alhamdulillah i am a student here too and i too did begin the course as a beginner, so from my point of view it is the initial effort on the student side that is the key here and the after going through that, the rest will 'In shAllah' be enjoyable and students will sail though the course keep looking forward in what is to learn. The amazing method used of presenting to the beginner the difficult concepts in early stage really pushes the students limits and increases self esteem as well as making the student believe in oneself and felt entrusted by the teacher raise the bar of learning methodology 'SubhanAllah' which cannot be found as far as i'm aware in other course. That is special to shariah program as other teachers might release information slowly fearing the student not being able to grasp the ideas. Set the correct intention and be amaze at the language and enjoy through the learning process.

- Abdullahomar

As-Salamu 'Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu,

As for purposes for learning Arabic, I would consider myself a beginner. I am someone who, Alhamdulillah, been granted the ability to recite Qur'an with some Tajweed. So, I am familiar with the letters, both joining them and pronouncing them. I know a little bit of the meanings of some words in 'Arabic. However, if you ask me to write a sentence in 'Arabic or to give you the meaning of a verse, I would not be able to.

After not having found real substance in learning 'Arabic in other places, I came here to Shariah Program. I was ready to go and learn. When acquainted with the videos and the report, Mufti Yusuf, as I understood it, was giving an almost brief summary of what and how the 'Arabic language is structured. Sometimes, if not most times, many of the courses in 'Arabic get "lost into the details." With Shariah Program, the way in which Mufti Yusuf explains in the report and in the videos is giving you a "bird's eye view" of 'Arabic. Once, you have understood this "bird's eye view," then you can proceed into the details. When listening into the lecture series and report, he goes into "Istansaru" example. For me, this really opened my eyes into the "magic" of the 'Arabic language. It gave me an understanding of "what" the 'Arabic language can do. Another example he uses is the "Zayd hit Amr." He goes into how there are really 6 ways to write this sentence in 'Arabic and each has their own meaning (More info is provided in the program.).

As I said before, majority of the 'Arabic programs out there teach the details first, generally not giving you the theory, unless it is basic. In this course, you will learn the theory first and, eventually, be on your way to master 'Arabic with the details, Insha'Allah.

Wa 'Alaykum Salam Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

- Hisham Mohammad

Salaam. Let me give you a little background about myself. I started Shariah program back in 2009 and I am still not farther than week 11 due to career shifts, introduction of a baby in my life, moving from one city to the next. I am attempting now to get started again. My friend suggested I try another course because maybe I just don't sync with the style of teaching. I disagree. There is one thing which keeps me going to continue this course and that is the way Mufti Yusuf can compile complex Arabic concepts into simple ways to explain to beginners and advanced students as well. The report is the best proof for that. I use the report to get back up to speed with the first 4-6 weeks of the course so that I dont have to rewatch the videos/audio or look back at my poor notes. I hope all future students benefit first by reading the report and gaining the broad overview of how the Arabic language works. This will help you grasp the roots of it and then everything going forward will click into place insha Allah.

Salaam

- Owism

Why Shariah Program is perfect for beginners and veterans alike:

Primarily, the program starts off with the essence of the language – how it works. This first step is missing in most courses, which leaves the students confused until the end.

Focus on the essentials helps the students make quick progress, coupled with practicing as you learn solidifies that knowledge. This along with repetition, ensures that you understand everything, even if you don't the first time. Motivation through achieving milestones ensures that you don't end up dropping out, which is something very important in any part time activity. The method of parsing, taught in this course, is something unique which gives you an in-depth understanding of grammar and complex sentence structures very easily through visual aids.

Combining all these aspects, Shariah program is the one stop shop to pursue Arabic learning and within a short time achieve a level and depth in the language far surpassing those with years of learning through conventional institutions.

PS: My mother has a PhD in Arabic and after one semester of the Shariah course, I know some deep grammar that she wasn't exposed to!

- Farhan Omer

Hmmm...would this report and lecture series be beneficial for a beginner? I was wondering how I can explain the answer to a beginner without getting into the details of the language? I think the best way is this. Learning Arabic for me through other programs was like being lost in a giant puzzle that you are trying to solve without having the big picture of the puzzle. It's like just having pieces of the puzzle and fitting them together and hoping that somehow you will find the right pieces to fit together. This program, on the other hand, is like having not only the big picture that you are trying to solve but also having a bird's eye view which shows you exactly where the pieces you have fit into the big picture. It's like trying to get to a destination wandering aimlessly in a desert versus having a clear map and a GPS system guiding you every step of the way.

Like Mufti Yusuf says its a front loaded system which means that initially when you see the big picture of the puzzle and all the pieces, it may seem like a lot but as you go along more and more of the pieces start to fit in and picture makes more and more sense. Also you never feel lost in terms of the big picture. You never feel that you are doing exercises without a purpose so you always feel like you are in the drivers seat, in control of your progress instead of mindlessly following instructions without knowing the destination.

wassalaamu alaykum

- Nour

I've had several attempts at trying to learn arabic, most of it was bits an pieces of random vocabulary and come terms of grammar. I must say that I didn't have any benefit in understanding the Quran

whatsoever from those arabic classes and books.

Then I came across the sharia program. I'll be completely honest, I've done only 4 weeks of the program thoroughly so far, but my comprehension has gone from almost nothing to understanding whole sentences from the Quran.

Here's the proof.. One night I was lying in bed, half asleep, and Sūrah al Baqara was playing in the background. In the state that I was, I actually understood a few verses, and I woke up! I was thrilled! I explained the verse to my father, and he was convinced this program was worth every penny he paid for.

I'd encourage everyone to take this course. Beginners should have no problem with it.

- Farhan Fyzee

Assalamo Alikum,

The free series teaches the Grammar at a slow pace so that if you have no experience ever learning, you will be able to learn and retain at a comfortable speed because Mufti Mullan has figured out the "incredibly effective method"- As Ibn Khaldun says "Central Core Theme".

Where as, getting hold of some basic Grammar book will not really help because the method they use is simple to complex (which is more complicated then nuclear Physics) and you will absolutely never figure it out on your own.

Mastering Arabic for beginners with Shariah Program is perfect for that; it slowly builds up your knowledge and lets your brain grasp concepts, structure, and some grammar without ramming it down your throat.

I have been an Arabic student for years and have learned very little with other programs because they initially are really grammar heavy and wouldn't deliver anything but exhaust you with frustration and boredom.

Until I found Shariah Program (2 years ago) since then I have been a fan of Mufti Mullan and us polyglots have a lot to him for this great Arabic resource.

To conclude, Learning Arabic Language does not have to be difficult for beginners. It should be a fun and rewarding experience; and this is exactly what Shariah Program did by exposing us to "The most Advanced System For The Conveyance of Meaning".

- Habib Ullah



Assalamu Alaikum,

My curiosity to learn Arabic effectively led me to Google search an Arabic programme on the net. Alas I came across the Sharia programme. What thrilled me was the analysis of the Istansaroo example. From then on I kept reading further since two years ago until by the Grace of the almighty I was able to register. I think this programme is for serious minded people no matter the amount of work pressure. For instance my work load is heavy but have to create time for it. This is because of the saying that we should search for knowledge even if it is in Sin(China), I want to remind brothers that one has to undertake this journey because you don't know when the Malukul Mauti will come calling. In addition it is imperative for one to learn this language because of the different interpretation of our ulamas and for one to be able to access the original source. Alhamdulillah brother Mufti Yusuf has just attacked that by way of introducing us into the books of Al-Gazali e.t.c.

Jazaka Allah Khairan

- Ahmed Karfi

Yes. 3 days ago I couldn't read a word of Arabic. I'd always wanted to learn, but Arabic intimidated me. Inspired by the Arabic Acceleration Report, I raced through the free series in under 2 days. On day 3, I worked through whatever basic Arabic reading tests I could find online. By the end of the third day, there wasn't a single Arabic word in any of the texts I tested myself with that I wasn't reading correctly (although obviously my tajweed is still bad!). It literally took 3 days for lines of meaningless squiggles to make perfect sense. I know it sounds like an exaggeration, but it's not. I also know that all praise is due to Allah. الحمد لله

I'm an English Muslim revert. The night before I stumbled on the report, I'd prayed for Allah to inspire me to learn Arabic. I was ashamed at having "made do" with translations and transliterations for years – because everyone had basically made Arabic seem like the most difficult language in the world to grasp. I didn't expect an answer to my prayer so soon =)

- Sophie

As-salamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

This course is definitely appropriate for someone who has never studied Arabic before. In my humble opinion, it would probably be best to start with this program, Allahu allem, because when you begin

your studies of the Arabic language, it is like coming into Islam from another deen. For example, you don't rush in and tell a new revert a massive list of worships one could do (i.e. dua for everything before one even learns how to make salah!), overwhelming even the most eager learners. Instead, the focus is on Who is deserving of our worship and why He (swt) Alone is deserving of this.

With deen as well as Arabic, you need to see the "big picture," what you are getting into, a sense of the scale to manage your own expectations, settle nagging questions that could be confusing you or holding you back, and be given the best roadmap to move forward. It may look overwhelming at first, but when you step back and see the whole, you can confidently work on building upon a strong and faithful foundation.

- UmmMusa

Assalamu alaikum.

I have read the acceleration report over and over and I never miss the emails. My mother tongue is not English, I learnt the English language like every other child in my country who had to go through the elementary school learning the alphabets, memorizing lots of vocabulary and learning to construct sentences from simple to complex plus lots of fictional novels aimed at enhancing our understanding and how we speak. Its amazing as an adult i think i understand the English language a lot better than my native language even though my parents brought us up speaking our native language called Yoruba. I say this because I find it hard to make dua's in my native language and the dua's i have not been able to memorize in Arabic, I have in the English language. So back to the question, I consider my self a beginner, yes i learnt the arabic alphabets in the past and like many people here we might know how to recite the alphabets or even read the Qur'an without a clue of the meaning. This happens in the English language as well, we know how to read some words and yet we have to go to the dictionary for the meaning. When we imagine learning a language, we picture the same method subscribed in learning the English language which we learnt unfortunately for a quarter of our lives, with constant practice and the help of T.V and movies which by the way most have not considered. The first time i read the acceleration report I exclaimed loudly how come nobody told me this concept! Its a bit difficult to explain, however using the English language to describe this report I can only think of something a very good English teacher thought me in high school which was more of a concept than memorizing. How did you feel when you discovered the concept of letter I coming before letter E in English words except preceded by the letter C? for example Receive, Perceive, Deceive, and words without C: weight, weird, seize, sleigh,, veil. This might also be an 80-20 rule to solving the spelling issues associated with the English language. And this is exactly how i felt when I read the Arabic acceleration report. I have no doubt that enrolling will benefit beginners and intermediate students inshaa Allah. When you learn the conceptual approach to something is like being taught the mathematical formula which can be used to solve thousands of equations, another example is the mathematical BODMAS (Bracket, Of, Division, Multiplication, Addition, Subtraction) which is used to know what comes first in solving mixed equations. This course is conceptual and holds the key to understanding and not memorizing a language for students who no nothing about the arabic language to those who have tried learning the language.

- Abdulrasheed Shittu

For many years (approximately 12 years) i have this intense desire to understand what my lord wants to tell me but its not possible until and unless one learns and understands Arabic language. At that time i was in my medical school, asked here and there but could not get a satisfying answer plus all the suggestions that i received were full time demanding and for me that was not possible. Last year in Oct' 2012 Almighty Allah granted me an opportunity to go for Hajj with my mother. So I begged my Lord to guide me and help me understand this HOLY BOOK. When i returned, one day i was surfing net and entered " learn Arabic" in googles and your website came forth. I read the report, watched the videos and found it very appealing and attractive,,, attractive in the sense that i believe in CONCEPTS and that's exactly what you people provide rather than typical 'rata' sort of teaching plus by now i have cleared my FCPS and getting some time out after duty hours is not that easy for me, but when i watched your way of teaching I was very delighted because it not only is based on conceptual guidance but is manageable in terms of time allocation. The self paced technique and one week off is another bonus to all those who face time problem. In the end I feel like Praying for all the team of SHARIAH PROGRAM and wish to conclude my comments with these words, " May Allah grant you success in this world and life hereafter".

- Aziz472

Often you find that when beginning to study the Arabic language, you are introduced to definitions and vocabulary. A somewhat basic understanding of how the Arabic language is mapped can be grasped relatively easily. Progress however, tends to be slow and it can be a long time that one begins to appreciate the subtleties in meaning conveyed by the different verb forms (المزيد فيه), for example. The simple to complex approach inevitably requires one's level of Arabic to be sufficiently advanced prior to delving into the intricacies of the language. For example, how could one study علم الصرف, which discusses the manner in which the various shades of meanings are reflected in different verb forms, if one is unable to read Arabic without diacritical marks? An unfortunate but highly probable consequence of this simple to complex approach is the loss in motivation to further one's studies. On the other hand, the Arabic acceleration report introduces these aforementioned intricacies from the very outset and, for beginners, I am sure that this would instil an overwhelming sense of awe for this beautiful language as they are encounter concepts that completely alien to English. This fascination is extremely important in helping one to remain motivated and keen to learn. Moreover, one can quickly gain a holistic understanding of the Arabic language as a general basis is established. The Arabic acceleration report also covers quite a lot of ground for an introduction, but in a clear, simple and concise manner. Thus, the reader is not inundated with excessive information, as is common with many introductory books to the Arabic language.

- Hamza Malik

Assalamu alaikum,

Brother, you pose a very legitimate question. When it comes to learning a language, a wide spectrum of learners exist, from true beginners who know nothing beyond the alphabet, to advanced learners looking to analyze the most sophisticated literary techniques. So any program that claims to be a one-size-fits-all approach would certainly cause anyone to raise their eyebrows.

Since Arabic works so differently than other languages, such as English, many excited students taking the “standard” approach to learning become very frustrated as their understanding of the language progresses at a snail’s pace. However, the Shariah Program is different than most. It goes completely against the status quo by taking a holistic approach: while other programs typically follow a typical order of teaching vocabulary, then sentences, then maybe some reading and writing exercises, the Shariah Program takes a step back and develops the student’s big-picture understanding of how Arabic works, and then fills in the voids of vocabulary and such. If you think about how you learned your first language as a child, this is essentially the approach you took. No parent gives their kid a list of words, followed by sentences, etc. Rather, after observing how the grown-ups around him communicate, the child starts to get a big-picture feel of how to express himself in that language, and then over time the child slowly picks up new words, phrases, figures-of-speech, etc. This is what separates the Shariah Program from others: it teaches you a language the way your mind WANTS to learn it, making it ideal for the beginner to Arabic. As long as you know the Arabic alphabet, Brother Yusuf and his team will facilitate your development with their unique methods, insha Allah. And because you can interact with teachers through live courses, even the intermediate and advanced learners can benefit from the Shariah Program. And the fact that the Shariah Program is so abnormal and so dramatically different from other programs shouldn’t scare anyone away either. Nothing extraordinary was ever achieved by being normal!

Lastly, what I’ve written may sound great on paper, but at the end of the day, results speak for themselves. A plethora of eager students have begun to master the Arabic language through the Shariah Program, even though many started off as beginners. Many students of the Shariah Program will tell you first-hand how the Shariah Program is the first Arabic program to truly get them over the proverbial “hump” that seems to block many from learning Arabic. This is why the Shariah Program is a can’t-miss opportunity.

Jazak Allah khair

P.S. The fact that I took the time to write this whole mini-essay just for a chance to access the Shariah Program should also tell you what a prize this program is.

- Faraz B

First and foremost, im a beginner and i have read the report and watched the free videos which accompanied it. I have registered to this program before but failed miserably and as a result left the course in week 3. The reason for this was that i didn't read the report and watch the free videos. I had no idea of the big picture and didn't really understand the system and how it works. However, this time, after reading the report and watching the free videos, you understand and appreciate the comprehensiveness of the language by teaching what advanced learners learn at university before you even start the course. It sparks immediate interest and keeps the eager learner engaged in the long haul. Also these advanced topics are taught in a simple manner in which everyone can benefit. From the scholar to the commonfolk, everybody gets their share. Even if you have previous knowledge of some arabic or you have tried and failed to learn arabic before or if you are a complete beginner, this course is for you. The videos, transcripts, audio and slides cater for different types of learners. You only need to have 60-70% understanding because the topic is repeated later on in more depth. The course is engaging and when you are engaged you find it enjoyable. The instructor of the course has experience from failure and success and knows what brings about failure and what brings about success. Well done Shariah Program team. JazakAllahu khayr.

- Ersan Akyuz.

I don't know whether to call myself a beginner or what because I've been struggling to learn arabic for some years now. I got myself enrolled 3 times but dropped out. Firstly ,cause I,m 63 and found it too time consuming, secondly, after a while the classes seemed boring to me, thirdly, at this age, I can't cram up things. This report I found very interesting – particularly the way it has described that how the position of the noun changes with "harakat" in the example of Zayd and Amr. I hope this time I would be able to learn to read arabic like I read English or Urdu text.

- Dr. Nasreen Majid

SubhanAllah, after reading this report arabic finally made sense to me, i finally understood, how arabic grammer basically works, and how sentaces are formed, this report is a must for anyone who wants to study arabic, it will make your life alot easier

- Ahmed

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuhu

Difference between the Quran and it's translation is like the difference between Allah and His creation. Said a wise man. Prophet Muhammed ( may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) didn't approve in the beginning for the Quran to be translated in any language. That leaves you wondering how Islam spread into Persia and Rome during the times of the Rightly Guided Caliphs?! let you think about the answer.

By the way, the first translation was done by a Jewish Rabbi. I let you wonder about that too.

“We have sent it down as an Arabic Quran” Surah Yusuf, ayah 2

( If I would have known Arabic,I could have been able to present this ayah in a more eloquent way, more closer to it’s profound meaning)

I have put all this down because the question of why you want to learn Arabic is more vital than who you are. What is your truest goal learning this language??

For me, all born Muslims are exposed to Arabic the day they come in this world and hear the adhan in their ears.

It is one of the miracles of Quran that every Muslim across the globe have some Quran in their hearts in Arabic. It’s true only in the case of Islam not in any other religion that each follower is supposed to memorize and rever verses from the original language of the revealed text.

New converted Muslims are a different story so that makes them the true beginners of Arabic Language. And what I have learned reading the text and watching the videos , this course is not for them.

It demands that the students must be able to read the Arabic text, if they can write, that will be much better as they will able to make great notes for themselves.

It is a fast paced program and true dedication, devotion and whole heartedness can bear fruits by the " taufeeq" of Allah subhan wa Talla.

We have to strive with our might so we can be called, by the will of Allah , by Him as a Nafs Mutma’inna (satisfied soul) on a Day where we will be awaiting for the results of our wordly actions.

May Allah be our Guide and He is the best as one!

- Fareeha Munawar

Asalamu alaykum,

I believe knowing the big picture and how things connect is essential in learning Arabic, as well as any topic. This is the key to people who do well in school and life. They are able to connect information and form patterns. An example I can give you is my Malin started with this book called The Etiquette of seeking knowledge. This book covers essentially everything, obstacles a person will face inwardly and outwardly , as well as what books to study and in what order. It is like a road map it clearly outlined the big picture on how to seek knowledge.In topic like Islam which is so vast you need direction and clear goal. So that is what taking this course will do, it will give you clear outline of how to approach and learn the Arabic language. You will be even identify what you need to learn and whats missing in your studies. This because once you have the big picture, you wont get lost, and you will be able to fill in the details and connect the dots. My final point is imagine someone gave you vast amount of information all that you need to learn Arabic, but you never understood how these points related or if they even had a connection, it would not benefit you because thats all it would be information with no meaning. I firmly believe showing the person the big picture and filling in the detail is the best approach especially for vast topic like Arabic. Inshallah this post benefits you and you understand my points.

- Amina Mohamud Musse

bismillah

There is a right way of doing things, and a wrong way, and sadly Arabic is too often taught in the wrong way. Most teachers, it would seem, especially native Arabic speakers have a fear of teaching certain elements of the language that they perceive as being " too complicated " or " too tough. " This creates a fear in the mind of the student, which is probably the reason why most of us on this course who studied Arabic prior to it uttered words along the lines of " ma sha' Allah, great course, but way too advanced for beginners. "

Al-Hamdulillah, Sharia Programme do things the right way. I would not describe this course as one in which you have your hand held from start to finish, rather that is what most other institutions do, or try to do. This course is more akin to being given comprehensive training by a highly skilled professional in order to prepare yourself for a hand glide from one mountain to another mountain which you have always dreamed of reaching – and this hand glide is the only method to reach it. Whilst we would all love to have someone hold our hand from start to finish, that is simply not possible for most of us. However what we have here is first and foremost, strength from Allah, the Lord of all the worlds and Mufti Yusuf's excellent explanations of the topics that for the most part are second to none. On top of this you are able to watch the videos as many times as it takes, read the transcripts of the videos and ask questions in the live classes, and more!

Lastly it would be a crime if I did not mention that unbelievable help that is given by the staff, who, as you probably have already seen, reply to e-mails both expeditiously and thoroughly. Add your own determination and passion to this, and I'm sure you can see how success is more probable than failure, in sha' Allah.

O you who have believed, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful. (3:200)

- Ali Shah

I would say that this method works for beginners as well as, if not better than, for those who have previous knowledge of Arabic. I took the course as a beginner (had never had any courses in Arabic before, although I know some of the words since it's the same in my native language), and I could follow the program and understood them quite well. It was indeed mind blowing. Before the course, since I know a little of the vocab, I read the Quran and I sort of know what its about but never really understood what the Quran is saying, who it's saying to, or anything else. But after 6 weeks of the course (I believe it was week 6 or so), when I read the Quran, especially the story of the prophet Ibrahim, it really is like a movie playing in front of me (probably because we've covered it in the course by reading stories of the prophet). I was starting to understand more but unfortunately I couldn't

continue with the course due to personal circumstances.

So yes, I would very much recommend the program, ESPECIALLY for beginners since they wouldn't have any confusion from other courses they took in Arabic (I'm assuming this since it seems a lot of people say they took Arabic for so long but still doesn't understand it).

- Indira Genowati

I'm a beginner with no previous experience. The other courses seem to teach you like if someone teaches you how to do different DIY jobs for each specific job you do x,y,z. This course tells you what each tool does then it becomes obvious how and when you can use those tools, and it makes sense. Jazakallah Brother Yusuf!

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Can a beginner start from 0 and learn through Mufti Yusuf's curriculum? Absolutely! I am one such person.

In terms of picking a course to learn Arabic as a beginner, one needs to ask two questions:

1. There are many options available, is this one worthwhile?
2. Is this course at the appropriate level for someone who has no prior experience learning the language?

In response to the first question, it's important to know if the course you select will actually be worth the investment and effort to gain the desired outcome. Learning Arabic, like any language, is of course best when sitting in a class environment face-to-face with the teacher. Even Mufti Yusuf stresses this point whenever he holds his 6 month intensive course. The fact is that most of the people who have gotten this far through the report have a common situation – they wish to learn part time, cannot go to a madrasa and cannot set aside a year of time to put their life and responsibilities on hold to go study.

So if you are studying online, what do you pick? I was in a gathering with some local ulema who were setting up an Arabic curriculum for adults to study part-time weeknights (this would not have fit my schedule because I travel often for work). I mentioned Mufti Yusuf's online program, which to my surprise they knew all about. One scholar mentioned that "the students from Shariah Program that I've come across know their stuff. Too many online programs water down the language too much, or they spoon feed students and never let them develop an aptitude for truly understanding the language." A few months back on Twitter Mufti Abdullah Nana tweeted the following:

"Arabic cannot be learnt only through grammar and morphology, but students need to apply rules to advanced texts to develop proficiency. I use the classical teaching method for Islamic studies where the



students prepare, read, translate, and explain the meaning of Arabic text. The teacher listens to the translation/explanation of the students and corrects them when necessary. Students learn more quickly this way.”

When Mufti Yusuf stresses that this is the method that the scholars have learned the language, he is not exaggerating. As far as learning part-time, online... Shariah Program is the ONLY course I have come across that uses this method of instruction. You cannot get this experience anywhere, unless you go study at a madrasa.

Now, for the second question. Is this course appropriate for beginners?

Absolutely, unequivocally, undeniably, the answer is YES. When I started last year my ONLY background in Arabic, like many Muslims, was being able to read the Quran. Just a few months in, I stood in taraweeh and realized that I understood the imam’s recitation. It was the story of Prophet Ibrahim (AS), which we were covered in the first Stories of the Prophet’s book. I nearly jumped in my salah right there. It was the first time I was understanding Arabic recitation and I had only been studying for a few months in! A few days afterwards, I had the same experience, and that was because I understood the grammar of the Durood. This is the excitement just from understanding the grammar of the salah... I cannot say enough for the joy when you understand each and every word itself.

A year later, I still find myself amazed at how far I have come. What I cannot be more pleased with is how much Mufti Yusuf has improved the program just within this year. Insha Allah I plan on studying with Mufti Yusuf for years to come.

This is a program for beginners. Certainly, people with a prior history of studying may appreciate the nuances or differences in methods, but I say this as someone who was a beginner. You are responsible for two things:

1. Having the right intention.
2. Putting in the effort.

If the program is not challenging, then you would not progress and you’d be wasting your time. If you make the intention and put in the effort, then you can leave the results in Allah’s hands. I believe you will be pleased with the progress that you make.

- Mohammad Nasar

This Arabic course run by the Sharia Program is ground breaking and innovative, with a curriculum that is seemingly unrivaled elsewhere. In my observation the course truly reciprocates with the human mind in a way that it is easy and effortless to understand for the one that is sincere and applies themselves. This program is like a journey with no obstacles or barriers preventing you from reaching your

destination. When anything academic is designed methodically and systematically it allows a person to deal with it's content hassle free and this program is that, and much, much more. To reiterate what I said earlier this course appears to be unparalleled and to transcend all bounds. It surely takes the difficulty and hardship out of studying the world's most blessed language allowing the student to travel freely along the runway of study and to take off and gracefully ascent to the highest heights.

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This approach is not just appropriate, but the optimal one for beginners to take. It's simple logic, really. In any discipline, it's much easier to understand a general case and then apply the concept to specific instances as the need arises, rather than agonize over the minutiae from the get-go. A good analogy is mathematical formulas. Once you've seen the proof for a particular formula, understood why it works, and memorized it, it becomes very easy to solve any problem that falls into that category. The variables i.e. the numbers might change, but 99% of the time, you can just plug them in to the formula and get the right answer!

- Neaz.noor

The brilliance of Mufti Yusuf Mullahs approach is that you dont need to understand everything in order to move forward. You do not need to retain 100% and that is why you can go though a lesson, understand some or most of it and continue moving forward.This is optimal for a beggener. Topics and conversations are bought up based on need, not want and that is what has helped me(a beggener) in understanding what I need to, rather than what I want to. We all want to go 0 to 100 as fast as we can, but this method, his method, takes you 0 to 100 as best as you can. I have been with this program for 5 months, and I am planning to restart the sessions over and over again and retain as much as I can, another plus for the program is that restarting and continuing are included. All in all, this "big picture method" works for those who are starting, those who have started and even those who are experts, as you continue to learn something new over and over again.

- Aesha

I think that the 80/20 principle focusing on learning the most essential aspects of classical Arabic is an innovative concept that deserves serious attention. In some learning contexts, students are given bits and pieces of information without learning how it fits together, and it may take those students years to acquire even a basic knowledge of the language. It can be frustrating to build up a large inventory of grammatical details without seeing how they fit into the bigger picture. By highlighting major aspects of Arabic grammar from the beginning, students are provided with a conceptual framework that allows them to quickly begin reading introductory texts written in classical Arabic and begin their journey towards the mastery of classical Arabic.

- Omarkovacik

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

May I first off all give a humble plea to whomever receives this gift. Consider it an opportunity; a door opened; by Allah for the simple purpose that he wants you to be nearer to him. Hang on to his rope and never give up. I believe that with persistence and being patient with ourselves, we can achieve the ultimate goal of this course; which is to give us the tools to able understand the words of Allah with all its unique elements and beauties.

This program is i think structured in a way to immediately start you on a journey to appreciate the beauty and the extensiveness of Arabic. And it does that straight of from the “Arabic Acceleration Report”. I think it helps and gives you a friendly nudge in taking the first step.

This report helps put away fear that most of us have; which is of Arabic being too complex. It introduces the 80/20 principle; that fruitful and everlasting progress occurs in small steps and there is nothing wrong with small steps. With every step you take, you get introduced to a new concept that will help you in this journey; while at the same time you feel your confidence building up because you are always moving forward. After all, when we look back on our footsteps, we want to see and feel progress – which is partly the reason we happily take the next step.

Practice and patience.

Peace and blessings to all,

- Salman.

I really believe this could be the my best opportunity ever to learn and master Arabic. This is probably the best method to help non-arabic natives. I am ready to take a full year leave to get involved and with ALLAH SWT 's help, I will be able to learn and master the meaning of the Holy Quran at last. The door I have been yearning to reach and open is may be just a step from me now. I have a strong feeling that the time has come by ALLAH' s Grace to move ahead in my faith, in acquiring knowledge and a better understanding of my religion.

Thank you Mullah Yusuf for doing this. May Allah reward you and bless you and all the people who are involved in this one of a kind teaching.

Wa salam

- Fatou Kine Cisse

I have to say, the method Mufti Yusuf uses is unlike any I have ever experienced or heard of before. When I read the Arabic Acceleration Report, I found it to be exactly as it claimed; something that gives a broad and easy understanding of the Arabic language. Not only that, the report is made in such a way that a person can even re-teach it to his fellow friends with a little practice and give them the motivation to take the initiative and start learning the language. For beginners, there is nothing better to start of than with this. It is pure logic, easy to understand, and saves you from the hassle of the 'traditional memorization' techniques that every other institutions use which do nothing but overburden the brain. Money cannot be better well-spent !

- Dr. Ammar

assalamalikum,

i m really excited to learn the language of our prophet Mohammad(pbuh). and i believe this could be my best opportunity to learn, and understand the meaning of Quran al kareem. m doing Hifdh of Quran Alkareem , and this program an initiative of shariah program will give me a headstart in doing Hifdh of Quran.

With the guidance and grounbreaking,innovative teaching strategies of Mufti Yusuf, i m sure i would be able to hold to the rope of guidance and light(noor) more strongly , would be able to understand what m speaking in Salah and attain the pleasue of Allah swt and to be more near to HIM (ALLAH) .

and most importantly i would like to thanks the shariah program ,for initiating such programs, which are helping people become more close to Allah swt and helping them attain pleasure of Allah swt, which as for us humans should be the most important focal point of our life.

wassalam.

- Monazzah

Upon reading the acceleration report I discovered the key technique in arabic learning which many teachers in the traditional way of learning arabic either missed, omitted or simply do not really know up to now. The learning method is so motivating and really amazing. I have been studying arabic my self for twenty years and in fact I have already mastered reading and very familiar with so many arabic words but, without the real understanding. Thanks to Mufti Yusuf Mullan reports and videos because I discover the core secret that is reading with greater comprehension of the arabic words and speedy reading comprehension by just understanding the meaning of the prefixes and suffixes to the masdar or original arabic words plus the real meaning attached to it which never had been thought in any madrasah any where in the world. I could not explain how much happy I am now and how faster and more understanding in arabic reading after watching the video of Mufti Yusuf Mullan as well as his report. I can now safely say that I am super faster in reading now and super faster in grasping the meaning of the real message in the qur aan and ahaadith even without reading its tafsiyr. How much more faster and understandable now to include its tafsiyr just by reading thoroughly and attentively listening to Mufti Yusuf's report and watching repeatedly his video just to get the essence of his method in teaching

arabic.

Let Allah SWT hail more the like of Mufti Yusuf and Let Allah SWT give him more insights and discoveries for the easy learning of his Message in the Al Mushaf al Sharieyf.

When I recommended to my brother Abdulshakuur who has no previous knowledge of arabic alphabet I was completely astonished that after one month he was able to read arabic with understanding with just my little discussion of Mufti Yusuf methods in learning arabic. Jazaa hu 'Ilaahu khaira Jazaa wa waafaqahu wa man yusaaiduho fiy thzaalikal amal wal khidmatu lil islaami wal muslimiyna jamiy an.

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Assalamualaikum

This acceleration report has answered my question of why two years back when I joined in the arabic class 40 students had enrolled and now 8 are left...This could be one of the reasons that we follow a traditional pattern of proceeding from simple to complex sentences , with a fear that it's only gonna be more and more difficult as the lessons proceed which leads to anxiety and decrease in morale .But in this report I found the sum up of what Arabic language is about ..It is beneficial in many ways firstly it presents the broader picture and secondly builds the curiosity in the student to explore it further.

Since I am a student I also teach what I learn and as a teacher I realized how we focus on details that are not that important till we are left with no zeal to study the important one's and since we are imbibed with so many rules it becomes difficult to remember...But 80/20 principle simplifies that for us and student don't have to cram things rather it's all practical.

What I really liked was the point that majority of the meanings in arabic don't come from words rather it comes from vowels , patterns and grammatical structure.We fail to notice that.

Quran is so eloquent and by following the vowels and patterns of words in a sentence we can easily locate the doer and the object .

What really thrilled me was that as soon as we join this course we will be reading Arabic text..stories of Prophets by A.H.Nadwi..something which I introduced to my students after two and a half months..I really am curious to know how can we do that just in 3 weeks so that I can apply all these rules to my teaching methodology as well.since I want people here to love Arabic language and enjoy learning it...

I hope this project will surely accelerate my Arabic skills inshallah

Jazakallah Khair

- Zaira Khan

bismillah arahman araheem. I was exposed prior but struggled.. but i feel it is beneficial for beginners too because what i liked is that it reached out to my knowledge of my way i learn, which may be different than the normal.. in my history i learned programming this way. while working in at&t as a clerk i had lunch with very extreme experienced programmers and got to see their complex programs and dissected them and helped them fix bugs etc.. and in this way i learned programming.. if i got a book with basics i dont think i could have learned to program as well as i did. For me it was better to learn from complex analysis vs step by step baby steps. i had NO knowledge of programming and was thrown into complex network program the telephone network communications of all USA.. and then i came out as a programmer .. this arabic method remind me of that and cater to this style of learning which deep down i knew works.. but never find. i dont really have any income now after divorce and cant afford to enroll but i do say this finally look like a way that might work for me. isa.. pray if it is so that i may be rewarded this enrollment prize.. isa.

- Jihad Marie Antoinette Castelli

Assalamu Alaikum Wr WB

I can't tell you the number of Arabic books I own – Lisan-ul-Qur'an, Medinah books, Gateway-to-Arabic, just to name three. My shelves are full of books. I've been attempting to learn Arabic, to understand Qur'an for a good number of years now (self-study). I'm very much someone who likes to get the "big picture". When I'm in university, it's important for me to have an overview of how things work. It shouldn't be any different in Arabic That's one of the issues I've encountered with all these courses and books, we don't get taught the big picture and it's so vital. That's why pretty much all my previous attempts at learning Arabic have failed. Also grammar is vital. Grammar and sarf is the way to go. I'm glad the course focusses on those two.

I've looked at all sorts of institutes and I have to be 100% honest here – this approach looks legitimate. The istansaroo example is genius by the way

Jazakallah Khayr Mufti sahib

- Sister Sumayah

what is most astonishing in your method of learning is that, you teach someone who has never come across arabic at all in manner that makes him comprehend the language perfectly. something that would have taken him an average of 2years in few weeks. You introduce nahwu and sorfu to someone who is just begining to learn the Arabic letters. for me, this is unique and extraordinary. i come to realise

how ground breaking this is when i begin to use the same method for some of my students (using your books and videos only—after ur permission anyway) amazingly, they were home and dry and beginning to appreciate the language more than ever. May Allah continue to reward you and overlook your shortcomings.

- Yaqub Shittu

Bismillahir Rahmaan Raheem

Assalamu Alikum Everyone . i have been studying SP from Last Year (Self Paced) I have finished Sarf Lessons and doing Nahw now . In Parallel am doing my Bachelors in Islamic Studies (Joined after i started SP) . I was relatively new while i joined just did my basic lessons from level 1 ( Very basic) . Why the methods of SP would hit the nail on its head ? I find the following plusses from SP would trigger a person in learning more ie from all levels and especially Beginners

The dilemma which most people face as to where they are heading to in most arabic studies curriculum takes a U turn in Shariah Program . The system here is focus based, Long term , Easy to Decipher the Complex Arabic Structure and Finally All Level Understanding Structure . Most of the Beginners who undertake a learning style of various methods tend to fail as they lose focus and start finding it hard to regroup themselves after the initial hiccup . Shariah program provides the right platform for all the levels of Arabic Learners as it caters to the problems that they face with giving high importance for each minute level problems related with Arabic Learning .

The promises set by Shariah Program or delivered by them upon the students turned out to be True as they had set Short term / Long term goals after each level of their learning . In normal approaches this is a failure as there is no Timely Plan or Goal . Our goal is to Please Allah swt and Comprehend the Quran and SP provides the right platform for it to all level knowledge seekers . This approach served as a leeway for me to understand the language being a 2 weeks old Arabic learner while i joined this program and several others would feel the same .

The Bigger Picture Approach broke down the Capsule into Powder and it helped me to comprehend the complexity of the language efficiently and hence i hope will serve you rookies better .

If with me then with no hint of doubt Inshallah would work with All .

Go for it Beginners – Intermediate-Advanced .

Jazakallahu Khairan .

- Mohamed Mahmood

Assalaamualaikum,

After I read the report and watched the video the first time, I became emotional and my eyes were brimming with tears of joy! I was living in parallel universes of sarf and nahw with no connection between the two till now, I was totally clueless when it came to sentence formation/breakdown! If I could not do that, there was no way of understanding or comprehending what my MAKER was telling me!!!! My repeated question to my self was Allah says He has made the Quran easy to understand, then WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME? JazaakALLAH khair, brother, for your effective teaching "strategy. May Allah give you khair and Baraka in your efforts and may Allah guide us and make ilm easy for us all. May all our intentions be only for the pleasure of Allah, Aameem

- Farz777

As Salaam Alaikum, I find the Arabic Acceleration Report to be detailed and engaging. For non-arabic learners the writing and information was easy to follow. The visual is an addition to ease in which one can take on a understanding of what is written. The linking of thought to processes of learning are clear and easy to follow. For the Arabic Acceleration Report to be available now at this time of increase of muslims coming to Islam is nothing short of an immense blessing to the Ummah. Shukron.

- Sister Sincerria

Mashallah the shariah programme is a great gateway in learning the arabic language. I studied arabic before but never understood as well as how mufti explains and presents everything in a nutshell with clear and concise detail i was able to understand everything without any loop holes and gaps in between. Now when i look at my grammer books studied before i know the contexts of the book even without putting any effort behind, i just grasp it straight away. Mashallah it has been really beneficial for me and i would recommend to anyone who wishes to persue the journey in learning the words of allah swt.

- Aisha Siddiqua

I am not exactly a beginner, and it is reasonable to think the content in the report may be difficult to those without any exposure to Arabic. However, any curriculum in Arabic has difficulty at first. But to what result? If the big concepts provided in the report are studied and understood, if they are further established through attention to the lecture portion of the class accompanied by the practical uses of the lecture applied through the reading (in the book Stories of the Prophet), then the inevitable struggle



that a beginner will go through in any program, may Insha Allah go further through the methodology of this program.

- Muhammad H. Popal

Assalamu Alaykum,

My wife has studied Arabic for over 1 year at an Australian University studying Arabic. I don't mean just Arabic within a course, Arabic IS the course.

So after reading the report and watching the free videos, and understanding as best I could, I explained the 'istansaru' example to my wife to see if she already knew it ... she did not know it! After one year, she spent so much time on vocabulary and grammar, but still did not understand the 'istansaru' example. Amazing!

After watching the free videos, and having no understanding of Arabic before, I feel as if I have already gained more in just a couple of hours than my wife has done in a whole year.

This is so exciting, I can't wait to understand the Quran, know what I am saying in Salaat, and understand the Imam during tawarih prayers this coming Ramadan.

As a complete newbie at Arabic, and for me to know more than my wife already, I know this works for beginners.

Wassalam,

Jalal

Assalaamu Alaykum,

Alhamdu lillah for Shaikh Yusuf's initiative to teach the Arabic language through this unique methodology.

Our brother Mujeebullah should not have any apprehension about the efficiency of teaching a foreign language the way the Shaikh described it.

It is better (and usually easier !) to perceive the entirety of a structure before perceiving the individual elements constituting it. This is the basic principle of the Gestalt Psychology. And it's also the principle on which this Arabic course is based. For example, when apprehending an entity, it's better and more beneficial to first know, through the shape and general features, if it's a car, or a goat; then, next, we proceed to identify the details: color, legs, etc.

The course of Shaikh Yusuf gives us first and foremost the conceptual framework, the one on which all

Arabic structures are based, no matter how complex they may look. By so doing, we save a great deal of time later because any phrase or sentence will fit in somewhere in the general feature and will reinforce and consolidate the previous learning.

For the beginning Arabic learner who only knows the Alphabet but has had another academic learning experience (such as learning English), he is going to rely on the learning strategies and skills he had acquired and apply them to the new learning. It may be difficult at the beginning but it will gradually become easier since every new occurrence will reinforce the previous understanding.

- Mukhtar Mustapha

Assalaam alaykum warahmat Allah wabarakaatuh,

This course is well structured in terms of its contents and its presentations. In fact, this is the best way to learn Arabic. Even the non-Arab scholars learn it that way. Of course, at the beginning, a significant effort is needed but while reading the report, the momentum gets in quickly. The big picture of the Arabic language is presented which makes it more interesting and keep us turning the pages. Also, there is no need for the beginners to retain the topics to 100% because all of them are repeated many times. If they did not understand something the first time, then; it's not a big deal, they get the chance another time. Inshaallah, this will help all people who puts in the effort to learn the language of Allah and inshaallah we will be able to understand the miracles of the Quran. May Allah reward us.

- Samiihah

Assalamu alaikum

When I started this program 2 years ago, I was what I believe would be called an extreme beginner. The terms ism and fi'l meant nothing to me. And now after 2 years of part-time study, I am quite comfortable with Hidayatin Nahw and am deciphering Ibn Aqeel- a text with no vowels! Pretty amazing considering I am a mother of 6, 2 of my children are toddlers and the eldest home-schools. Of course, all this is due to this amazing program which you have offered enabling mothers like me to have access to this extraordinary methodology of learning the beautiful language of the Qur'an from the comforts of our own homes. I have never taken a course in Arabic prior to Shariah Program and this is a loss only because I am unable to truly value the superiority of this course to other courses out there as many have testified to.

May Allah bless you and reward you with His choicest blessings for this gift to the ummah.

Wssalam.

- Umm Sitta

Coming from a non-Islamic background, all this is mind blasting. I have embraced Islam for a while now, but my yearning for learning this fascinating deen has never ceased. In fact, my absolute desire is to be

able to learn the language of the Holy Quran and spread the message IN THAT LANGUAGE. First, after becoming a Muslim, alhamdulillah, I felt the nearness to Allah swt, I learnt about the Prophet saws and began to love this unique human being whom I never heard of before. Now, my heart is just bubbling with overwhelming emotions that I am actually going to understand the SCHOLARS' messages to us. When Sheikh Yusuf relates we will learn to read from famous books by scholars like Ibn Khaldun and understand khutbas, read An Nawawi, etc, etc,. I feel I don't want to sleep to miss all this!! I thank Sheikh Yusuf for making my dream come true and pray for a huge reward for him and his family in the akhirah. His teaching methods are unique. I absolutely agree at being thrown in the deep end with concepts and stop this slow baby feeding with vowels, then sentences, etc. Good work and keep it up shaikh.

- Farah (UK)

asalaamu alaikum warahmatullah. Bismillah. I thank Allah for being our Creator, Islam our Deen, The last prophet and Messenger Muhammad (PBUH) our prophet, alhamdulillah! I am not a student yet, but i tried the trial you sent me and it was amazing. I am a mother of three and i took my kids to egypt to study quran and arabic, but it was very difficult and we had to come back after just 1 year 4 months. I took arabic up to level four in cairo and i still remember most of what i learned by Allah's grace. It's not difficult at all, just prayers, concentratiion, devotion, dedication and faith and trust in our Lord, The Most High, Most Merciful! I don't know how to order because everytime i tried i takes me to a totally different page. May Allah drive away Shayaateen from all the muslims and may Allah give us all Victory over the Disbelievers, Ameen! Jazakumullahu Khairan Katheeran. Jumuah Mubaaraka! I am a daughter of Adam(PBUH) A progeny of Hawa(PBUH) Subhanallahe Wabeham dehe Wa Suhana laahil Azeem. Thank you Almighty Allah in all situations and circumstances!

- Children of Adam

Assalamu Alaikkum

I am working in Saudi Arabia for almost 15 years and though I was able to recite Quranic verses, but I was not able to communicate in Arabic and not knowing the meaning of it. This was due to the reason of having my deep thought about Arabic is very difficult language to learn.

Recently I had rectified my thought about Arabic learning and with the intention to learn Arabic and understand the words of Allah. Couple of months ago, started with Simple to Complex approach to learn Arabic and stopped after some time. At that time, I had the opportunity to read this report from Mufi Yousuf. It was really encouraging.

I enjoyed reading every single section of it. Especially the example on 6 ways to say "Zayd hit Amr", 80/20 principle and the amazing Istansaroo example

Rest of the sections were also covered in adequate level to get the understanding and motivation for the beginners.

After reading this report 3 other videos I was able to complete Foundation course and learned many new things which I was not knowing before.

Lecture series are very well structured and easy to follow. I am now moving forward with my 3rd week Qasas 3.2.

I am getting the hope now, Insha Allah I will be able to complete the course with full understanding on Arabic language.

- Shaik Dawood Idrees

Assalamo Alaykom Warahmatollah

Learning Arabic has always been my Dua and my ultimate goal. With Allah's will I came across this website and signed up for the Arabic course with only a few hours to go.

I will never be able to thank Allah enough for guiding me to this course and to Shariah Programme for offering us this. JazakAllah Khair.

I have learnt in the past weeks what I have never learnt anywhere else Alhamdulillah, and just this, is a huge hope that InShaAllah soon we'll be able to understand our beautiful Holy Qur'an and Ahaadith. That feeling is unexplainable.

I couldn't have received a better answer to my prayer. JazakAllah Khair.

May Allah bless us all.

- Habibah

Asalam O Aliakum .....My desire to learn Arabic before the last breath not only because I would rather I should understand the message of Allah Almighty and for the reason that how good it be that one is able to talk to The Messenger of Allah and his dear companions here after in the language of Jannah where I see that any person moving to foreign country like France or Germany is trying his level best to learn the language before going there temporarily whereas do we care to learn the language of Jannah before going there permanently .I would be lucky to join the language learning ,InShaAllah.

- Najeeb Ud Deen

Dearest Jusuf Mullan, I have a MD, MMs, ND, MI, MH, CN, I live in the USA born in Hungary, as you can see I love to study. Jusuf Mullan, your dept of understanding the human mind comes across in the way

you handle your students, Alhamdulillah, This is my first time with Muslim language, I picked this language because of its very old origin, like Hungarian over 5 thousand years old, I had also looked studied Hindi. I can tell you are a master of yourself, because only then you are able to teach, really deliver what and how, the needs of the students, to be enthusiastic, be in the state of amazement, encourage, and motivate. With La ilaha illa Allah, pleased to have found a diamond in the sea of teachers. Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah Blessings, Beatrix

- Dr. Beatrix G. Montay

All Praise belongs to our Creator, Allah (SWT).

My comments for the contest: The primer report of MI Yusuf is amazing. I found it as the “gateway” to solving mysteries and difficulties of Arabic language. The uniqueness about his report is that it addresses right away subtleties of the language. By comparing specific uniqueness of Arabic with the language of the reader which in this case mostly is English, the prospective students can right away relate to the gaps in their understanding of Arabic. For example, I have been a long time learner and struggler to master Arabic but never found anywhere in the first few pages that there is no such thing as “is” or “are” in Arabic. Explanation on the formation of verbs through root letters all of a sudden creates a whole new dimension of understanding. Similarly, the concept of variations in “He”, “His” and “Him” with fat-ha, kasra and dhamma vowel signs now has a whole new meaning. This makes learning amazingly easy for even those who are not linguistically oriented or someone with an average learning ability. Now the reader feels like he is empowered and ready to take the plunge.

The beauty of the report is that it resolves the mystery in a really eloquent way. The most successful teacher is not the one who offers eloquence in style, rather makes the learning possible for all levels of students attending to the teacher or listening to the teacher. I found that the report eliminated elements of “overwhelm”, “fear” and “anxiety” of learning a new language by explaining how Arabic works and functions. Instead of teaching the underlying science behind the causes of cardiac disease, the report explains that here is the heart patient, how do you find the root of the problem. This top-down approach instead of bottom-up, is similar to problem-based learning. Many modern universities, such as McMaster (Medical school) and Waterloo (Engineering) have adopted this approach and have become top universities in Canada. Maashaa-Allah, MI. Yusuf’s approach I found something similar. Regardless of one’s background in language or proficiency in Arabic-like languages, all can take a shot at mastering Arabic. This is truly remarkable and praiseworthy.

May Allah (S) grant a huge success to this program and make its delivery possible to a wide range of people interested in learning the language of Jannah.

salaams

Anver Moallim

Asalamu Alaikum,

I became Muslim about 11 years ago by the grace of Allah. For years I have been trying to learn and understand Arabic to better understand the Qur'an as well as many other works not translated into English. While I appreciate and admire the many who have taken the time to translate the many works out there, I've never quite liked my understanding being the responsibility of others. Especially since many times, translations can be biased based on a person's likes or biases. My local brothers have tried to teach me, but responsibilities as well as an inability to teach sometimes got in the way. I got the acceleration report thinking this will be like all the other things I've read and found it to be quite different. After reading it, it made me want to invest the money to take this course. I watched the videos and when Brother Yusuf Mullan mentioned about people crying during recitations while others who do not understand feel "foolish", it described me to a tee. For now, to get me through it, I think about how a baby cannot understand its mothers words, yet finds solace in them and keep that attitude with me. It's gotten me through, but now it's time for a deeper understanding and not just a "feeling" in my heart. While I've not been doing this program long, I've gained an understanding I've not had before with others teachers, alhamdulillah. It makes me very happy to know that I am that much closer to being able to one day teach my 2 year old son Umar and my soon to be born daughter, Zaynab the language I have so wanted to learn for so many years. Thank you for this chance and may Allah reward you and yours in abundance.

Wasalam,

Liam

Assalamu alaykum brother,

This course is totally for beginners! Why? Because shariah programme uses a unique strategy like no other Arabic course which jumps straight into the nature of the Arabic language. Usually most courses start off with the easy content and progress to complex stuff, which seems like a logical thing to do BUT BIG MISTAKE! Just when you think you got some grip of the language, things starts to seem random and disorganised in the head. There's no bigger picture to tie everything to. However, Shariah programme is unique in that it uses an everyday life principle; a universal 80/20 principle. The course teaches the core 20% of the Arabic language FIRST which has the broadest application. Thus, you are introduced to the nature of the language STRAIGHT away. No nasty surprises to trip you up later. As you progress into the weeks, things will become easier and you will have moments of epiphany... your own study will suddenly give you all the motivation you need to seal the deal!

Even if I was an extreme beginner who only knew how to read Arabic and who was studying these concepts for the first time, this course would definitely still be easy to understand and follow for several reasons.

First, the course begins by providing a big picture of the overall map of the Arabic language; this is mostly conceptual and made easy to understand by comparing it to the English language.

Second, all of the concepts are explained with the assumption that the student does not have any previous knowledge about them. The mufti gives very easy to understand reasoning for every aspect of a discussion.

Third, the course begins with the very basic concept of how words are constructed and then gradually progresses to how phrases are constructed. The most common phrase structures are introduced first to give the student confidence and enthusiasm because these structures will appear very often when reading the text. He then explains how to arrange words and phrases to make meaningful sentences.

Fourth, after first explaining how a conjugation table is laid out, the simplest verb conjugation is presented first – the past tense. After that is mastered, the present/future tense conjugation is presented. In both of these conjugations, the mufti takes time to explain the slight differences that occur in each line of the conjugation tables. All subsequent tables are constructed from these 2 conjugations which makes learning them easy.

Fifth, as long as the student is able to grasp 60-70% of the discussion and explanations, the remaining 30-40% will become clear once they see the theory come to life when they start reading the book in the 3rd week.

Sixth, because the mufti teaches the fundamental aspects and rules of the language that have the broadest application first, a student does not have to worry if they don't understand the concept completely the first time around. These fundamental concepts will frequently appear and be discussed again. Each time you see it, it can only become more clear and reinforced in your mind.

Seventh, the course keeps alternating between teaching theory and seeing practical examples of that theory in a written text. This is a very powerful teaching method to clarify what has been taught and to reinforce concepts in the student's mind so that they can retain that information longer.

Eighth, the concepts are presented in a logical progressive order so that each concept you learn provides a solid foundation for the next concept.

Last, instead of just listing rules of the Arabic language without giving any explanation about them, he provides reasoning and logic behind the rules which helps the student understand how the language works and why these rules are needed.

I actually wish that I had known of this program when I was just starting to learn Arabic instead of wasting so many years and still not knowing much Arabic. It would have been so much easier, fun, and interesting. Also, I would have learned a whole lot more in a short amount of time than I could

struggling by myself. The mufti has learned Arabic from very great teachers plus he has so many years of experience teaching Arabic to others. Each year, he perfects his teaching method even more. May Allah SWT grant mufti Yusuf Mullan abundant rewards and blessings for his very beneficial work. Ameen.

- Farooqa Yoosufani

quckly, my name is yaseen i am an irish american muslim since 1988. i accepted islam and had the good fortune to travel the world at the age of 17 to such places as india and pakistan. in my travels, i met some of the most brilliant scholars of our time. i used to sit and listen to them give talks in arabic to an arab audiance and marveled at how they had such a command of the language as if it was there own! when i came back to the u.s. i dreamed of such an institution or people to teach at that level. as school, work, marriage tied me down i gave up on my dream of learning arabic and figured it just wouldn't be possible. but, a couple years ago i heard about shariah program from friends of mine and looked into it. i figured i would give it a shot and quickly realized i was dealing with a cannon. it brought me up to speed very quickly on my own english language, deliberatley and methodically instructed me through the core structure of the arabic language, and more amazingly, started giving me insights and glimpses into the minds of our great scholars, the true inheritors of the treasures of prophetic knowledge. no doubt, learning a language is challenging and requires a level of commitment. but with this program and a pinch of patience, the skys the limit. i hope by the mercy of the Most Kind, many are able to gain benefit from this true hidden treasure. in life, everyone has defining moments, good and bad. i am sharing my thoughts on this one because i can easily say that this moment in my life sits on my shelf of life experiences right next to the day i accepted islam. baraakAllahufikum to everyone involved in this effort and i am truly indebted.

your bro. in islam,

yaseen

I have been studying Arabic since 2009, studied every sunday in the Local Masjid ... Unfortunately I didn't really learn much and felt like I needed a fresh start. I recently started studying BA in Islamic Studies and grasped some concepts which I have never understood proir to my starting University. I still feel I am not able to structure sentences but I have strong Tawakkul in Allah, oneday I'll be able to Read, Write and Communicate Insha'Allah. My motivation has always been a Scholar(can't remember the name) used to say "I wanted a thing of Allah since last few years and I never got it, But I haven't stop making Dua as I always believe Allah will give it to me oneday", I will not stop pursueing Arabic as I believe Allah will facilate it for me oneday.

- Farhan Khalil



I am 53 years old its always been my dream to master Arabic , like many others the enormity of this undertaking was tiresome and frustrating ,I see hope in your program as it makes sense understanding the laws of grammar and its significance to the impact of grammatical structure. You had me hooked when you said Arabic is the chosen language of the Quran for a reason I always new that ,that's why I knew it was important to learn it and understand the reason, but it is a hard road when you are a non Arab but it is worth every minute you try!

Shukran for your efforts MAY ALLAH REWARD you INSHAA ALLAH AMEEN. I shall use the free downloads as best I can at this stage the course is out of my reach in terms of income.

I want to ask if you introduce a phonetic chart in your lessons?

Once again Shukran.

Kind thoughts always.

- Norina Williams

BismillahirRahmanirRaheem

AssalamuAlaikum,

The answer to the question if this program can be utilized by beginners is 100% YES. I, myself having barely any knowledge in Arabic besides basic reading. After reading, rereading, and understanding the Arabic Acceleration Report and Video, its seems as if Arabic would be really easy to understand with this way of Mufti Yusuf Mullan. If any beginner takes an look at "istansaroo" or "zayd hit amr" examples in the report they can understand a great deal of knowledge. Of course in the beginning, effort will be needed, like Mufti Yusuf Mullan has said, so that you can make 80/20 principal come to life. I have always wanted to learn Arabic so that the gateway to more Islamic knowledge could be opened but since I don't have any money, I am unable to do this awesome method of learning and become an Alim like I dreamed of becoming. I hope that there is a financial aid or something that could help people like me that are willing to learn but don't have money for this program.

Anyways, the answer to the question is yes any beginner can learn and understand from this method of teaching but effort and determination is needed in the beginning. After the initial phase, you are on your way to becoming an expert in Arabic even if you were a complete beginner.

AssalamuAlaikum

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Hello, I am a student of languages. I have studied more than 6 languages all of which are at different levels. When I first began it was extremely difficult to master new vocabulary and learn the grammar of

that language -AND my own – English grammar at the same time! Thus I want to say why I believe the big picture method is absolutely the best method especially for beginners but for all levels of learners.

I feel the way nearly everybody teaches languages at the moment is akin to handing us a piece of a puzzle -piece by piece without showing us the finished picture on the box before we start! Each new word, each new piece of grammar is a piece to the puzzle and we don't know if the puzzle is a landscape or a fish or a bowl of fruit!

In other words we only see the trees – we do not see the forest.

Ten years later I am much better at learning languages, however I think if I'd been shown the forest before the trees, my journey to language competency in all of the languages I have studied (and I'm not competent in all of them!) would have been faster, easier and more fun.

I started studying Arabic two months ago so I know the alphabet – but that is it! I have just read this report and am astonished to discover that the majority of meanings in Arabic don't even come from the words – they come from the vowels, patterns and grammatical structures. No other language I have studied works like this. And I can certainly say that if I tackled Arabic in the conventional way – puzzle piece by puzzle piece without looking at the picture on the box, then I, like any other beginner out there, would have a hard time in learning this language.

I believe the big picture concept of learning a language – seeing the forest first – getting to see the picture on the box that will appear once all the puzzle pieces are correctly put together – is the most intelligent and most effective way to learn Arabic or any other language.

I hope to be able to speak, read and write Arabic fluently so that I may be able to understand and learn about a people who have been given (of late) a bad name. I find Arabic immensely interesting and hope I may be able to get a chance to put my puzzle together with the aid of such a wonderful program as the Shariah Program.

Thank you for sharing with me in your report such knowledge.

- Katarina

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Shaykh Muhammad Shareef in his introduction to the al-Ajurumiyyah states:

“The Unitary Sustainer of the worlds chose Arabic in priority as the conduit for His final revelation. This choice as tawheed demands did not happen randomly or by coincidence. The Arabic language was created and formulated before endless time to carry the weight, meaning, and will of the Final Revelation. Arabic is the building block by which the Creator speaks to man and the universe.”

He then goes on to say:

“Islam is the deen based upon an Arabic Book, which was revealed to the heart of a trusted and trustworthy individual. The Infallible Qur’an is the uncreated speech of Allah, which is immutable for all ages. For this reason Muslims have held it absolutely imperative to master the Arabic language.”

I chose to begin my answer to the brother’s question with quotes from an introduction that has inspired me to pursue and persevere on my quest to master the Arabic language because I think what was said is indicative of why we all have set out upon this journey. I believe that this program targets a much broader audience than our brother, Mujeebullahh, suspects, i.e. those with prior exposure to the Arabic language beyond the stated prerequisite of knowing the Arabic alphabet. I would posit, and I believe Mufti Yusuf Mullan would as well, that the target audience is anyone who has a thirst to understand “the Infallible Qur’an” and I would add is mature, dedicated, and sincere enough, with Allah’s help and Divine success, to persevere in their study of the language—whether that person is a beginner or prior student of the language.

To me the program represents a sincere return to our traditional Islamic educational heritage. Mufti Yusuf takes the classical scholarship into the 21 century through his judicious use of the communicative medium of the World Wide Web and other modern media technologies. It is a program that takes the best of the classical Arabic scholarly tradition, the Nizami curriculum and delivers it to the modern day man who has undoubtedly lost his way. It is a program, as well as all efforts to “guide by way of grammar” [and all of the other gateway sciences], that targets an aspect of knowledge that is extremely important to the renewal of the Muslim Ummah.

I think what makes this program unique and in fact gives it the ability to target the broad audience mentioned above lay in its return to tradition and in a few of the following characteristics, which are also laid out in the Accelerated Report and introductory videos. I re-word them here in summary with the hope that it will benefit our brother, Mujeebullahh, and allay his fears for the beginner:

1. Mufti Yusuf gives a road map to the Arabic language; the unifying themes and principles. In my opinion this is the most important factor that will benefit and help anyone whether they are a beginner or experienced seeker of knowledge. His mapping and elucidation of the core themes of this communicative miracle language helps one to navigate through the sometimes treacherous landscape of learning this rich language. This is the characteristic that I can personally attest to its efficacy in the beginner stages of learning the language.

2. The program leverages the Pareto efficiency theorem. This is the much talked about 80/20 principle. Indeed, the distillation of the key concepts in the language needed to derive massive gains in benefits for the beginner cannot be understated. It should be noted here that a teacher who can give you exactly what is necessary at the most opportune time is also what makes this leverage of the 4% and subsequently the 20% work for the student to bring about the 64% and then 80% gains in benefit.

3. The motivational benefit of the two above characteristics of the program in addition to the built-in redundancy and robustness carries the beginner forward regardless of prior experience. A student is motivated and is given a positive attitude towards the acquisition of the language. This is akin to what education researchers have said is the key to students advancement in mathematics—the right attitude! Additionally, the core principles are repeated and there is wiggle room for a student’s lack of current understanding to be bolstered at later stages of the program.

4. Mufti Yusuf continually draws upon the student’s assumed knowledge of the English language. The medium of instruction is English so it is safe to assume all of the audience would have had exposure to some amount of English language instruction. The most amount of knowledge assumed is grade school English grammar and this, most would agree, is a safe assumption. He draws upon this well and it helps a beginner to feel comfortable and familiar with the new terms and concepts.

5. The incorporation of modern technology to facilitate the age-old tradition that is now called differentiated learning. We all have different learning styles, strengths, weaknesses and abilities. This program, with its myriad of presentation styles and the media, provides a win-win situation for most learners including those with exceptionalities. This last characteristic was not explicitly given by Mufti Yusuf in this presentation but I thought was worth mentioning with regards to the brother’s question.

In conclusion, the program is—all praises due to Allah—blessed with several qualities that gives it a broad Muslim audience. The program represents a revival of our scholarly tradition packaged into the modern E-learning environment. It is my belief that this program, with the aid of Allah, will benefit the beginning student regardless of prior experience once he/she has met the basic prerequisites and has a firm resolve.

- Stephen Debique

Having started to learn Arabic numerous times through many different methods, including immersion, one-to-one tuition with a native Arabic speaker, extensive vocabulary learning, courses focusing exclusively on grammar or the translation-teaching method, I have always felt there was something missing in those courses and I have always wondered whether there was a faster and more “holistic” method to learning Arabic, and this is what I found with the Shariah Program.

As you have argued, I am not a beginner anymore however, but I believe I could have avoided wasting a lot of my time and money on other courses should I have concentrated my efforts on the program from

the beginning.

Here are a three reasons why I think Shariah Program is more likely than other courses to help you learn Arabic:

1 – If you have no knowledge of Arabic whatsoever, there is a free comprehensive alphabet course

2 – You study with a teacher who has gone through the same learning process as yourself – not a native Arabic speaker who, although he knows the language, might have difficulties conveying the beauty and the intricacies of the Arabic language

3 – You study with an experienced teacher: Mufti Yusuf has had the opportunity to teach Arabic to adults for the past ten years and has been able to improve the course, the materials and the methodology to suit all his students, including complete beginners.

You might find other courses with these features, but the difference lies in the methodology used. To understand the way ShariahProgram works, you might think about the human body made of the flesh and the skeleton (this is obviously an over-simplification....), and if you don't have a skeleton first, you won't be able to walk. Thus, in the program, you first focus on consolidating your skeleton before adding flesh. Even better, you will add flesh and muscles little by little when they are needed. In Arabic, it is important to remember that meaning comes from structure (the bones of the skeleton in my metaphor) first and foremost, and not the word themselves (the muscles and flesh), and this is why it is important to start there.

Five reasons why it make sense to start with the structure of the language:

1 – Although the concepts introduced might be challenging at first, they give the beginner a big picture orienting his studies towards a broad goal (understanding and communicating in Arabic) with different sub-goals (discovering more about this or that part of the structure, seeing it at work in a sentence, etc...). This implicit goal-oriented study makes it more interesting and motivating.

2 – The structure of the language only represents a small part of the Arabic language in terms of quantity, but the benefits are tremendous. The course applies the Pareto principle whereby 20% of what you learn gives you 80% benefits : in the first week of the course you get introduced to the core of the Arabic language in terms of grammar, morphology and rhetoric, which might represent 4% of the language. If you apply the Pareto principle, that would mean 64% benefits or a 1600 % increase in output.

3- Introducing challenging ideas at the beginning of the course does make sense because this is when you are the most motivated, focused and enthusiastic. Once you have gone over the hardest part, things get easier and you have a sense of achievement.

4- With this method, you start reading independently in Week 3, which helps you reinforce the structure you learn, and boosts your confidence

5 – The degree of memorization you need to do is minimal, you just need to focus on understanding systems and concepts, you just have to memorize what you need. This comes with verbs conjugation for example, but as you get to encounter the verbs, the memorization remains meaningful.

Most courses choose to go from the simple to the complex and from the concrete to the abstract, as this is the way children get to learn languages and about the world that surrounds them, but these courses often miss the point: adults have a sufficient background of abstract and complex knowledge (whatever the field) to transfer and understand another set of abstract and complex information, namely the structure of the Arabic language in this case. Besides, this set of abstract information does not remain abstract for very long as it starts living through the text very early in the course.

All the best in your journey into the Arabic language.

- Marwa

Assalaamualikum brother Mujeebullaah,

The success of any language learning program depends on a few important factors – the course contents, its design and teaching methodology and the teaching itself. How these factors are addressed, determine the kind of audience it attracts.

The Shariah Program is uniquely structured in its course content and has a distinct methodology to address both the grammar(nahw) and the sarf(morphology) aspects of the language. The Sarf aspect of the language is much like “Mathematics”, where you learn rules and formulas and reuse them as you go about different verb conjugations. The program doesn’t just gives us the formulas, it “builds them” up and you know how the conjugations work. It keeps the beginner and the experienced engrossed. For example, understanding a “Simple Change to Alif” rule makes same sense to the beginner and the experienced. Just the other week, when we learnt the “Naaqis verbs”, I could understand why in the Quran, the verb da ‘aa is used with al insaan and da’au with an naas. It makes me thrilled to understand the Quranic verses this way. Agreed the beginner needs a little more effort to memorize the conjugations, but it becomes all the more easy using this structured approach.

The grammar part is taught in an interesting way in this program. The building blocks of grammar (the portion of the language that gives you maximum benefit) are known straight away and by week 3, you can explain the vowels for “wa kaanallaahu ghafoorar Raheema”, a Quranic verse. Being an experienced student in this aspect can give you a head start, but then two things come to the beginner’s rescue.

a) The constant application of the grammar rules throughout the Qasas reading, from as early as Week 3 and

b) The technology – The life time access to the portal enables you to go through the videos again and again. The questions are answered in the live sessions and in the portal. And then there are forums. The opportunities are so many.

Having said this, however, I feel that this program is not for everyone. But it is for everyone who is “serious” about learning Arabic, since the process of learning is always two-way. For a “serious” Arabic learner – beginner or experienced, InshaAllaah, this will be the “go-to” program.

Wassalaam  
Najeeb

Why the Shariah Program is ideal for Extreme Beginners:

The program has been developed by Brother Yusuf Mullah who is not a Native Arabic speaker and therefore understands the challenges of non-native speakers learning the Arabic Language.

Most programs fail because they go from the Simple to Complex in introducing the language which is the wrong method to teach Arabic that has an intricate system of conveyance of meaning. It is vastly different from English and thus the method also has to be different. The Big Picture first approach is the Ideal introduction for an Extreme beginner as it exposes him to the language in the way many non-Arab scholars have learned in the past.

The Report & 3 Free Videos are the perfect introduction to any beginner who is planning to start his studies in Classical Arabic. By watching these videos and understanding the concepts of how Arabic conveys meaning, the beginner will understand the Approach taken by the Shariah Program for Classical Arabic. By isolating the big picture of the language through a core and a central theme, the reader will experience the fastest progress in truly learning classical Arabic. He will understand why the Studies start from the Complex to the Simple. The beginner will avoid many of the frustrations that countless Arabic students have encountered in their quest to learn the language.

Therefore the report and the 3 free Videos are extremely essential for any Beginner to understand how the Shariah Program for Classical Arabic teaches the Arabic language.

- Monis.hasan