Appendix (1)

Self-assessment form

Please tell us about your previous experience in studying Arabic

1. What Arabic courses have you taken? (Where/when/number of hours studied)

Answer: Dubai, Eton Institute, Summer 2012, 1 month

2. Materials used?

Answer: Al-Kitaab Part 1

3. Exams passed/qualifications gained in Arabic as a Foreign language?

Answer: N/A

4. Self-study? (How long/materials used)

Answer: N/A

5. Have you been to any Arab countries? (exposure to Arabic)

Answer: I lived in Saudi Arabia for 2 years and the United Arab Emirates for a total of 5 years.

6. In terms of proficiency in Arabic, where would you place yourself according to the European framework of reference of languages?

A1 Beginner/ A2 elementary/ B1 intermediate/ B2 upper intermediate/ C1 Advanced/ C2 Professional user

Answer: A2 elementary

7. What familiarity do you possess with other related languages that might make learning Arabic easier?

Answer: I know a bit of Indonesian and I am proficient at both my native language Gujarati and my second language English. However, I think none of these languages helped me in learning Arabic.

8. Are you a heritage student? (In what way?)

I am a practicing Muslim.

9. Which level of proficiency are you hoping to achieve?

Answer: As high as possible

10. Why do you want to learn Arabic?

Answer: Religious and employment reasons

11. What skill/s are you best at? (reading/ writing/ speaking/ listening)

Answer: Reading and speaking

12. What type of learners do you classify yourself? (visual, auditory, kinesthetic, solitary, verbal)

Answer: Solitary

Appendix (2)

Questionnaire: Background information and challenges in learning Arabic (participant's answers provided)

1. Mother tongue English and Gujarati

2. Languages you know English, Gujarati, and Indonesian

3. Educational background Bachelor's degree

4. Reasons for learning Arabic

Traveling and communicating in Arab countries

Getting an excellent resume for work

Religious motive

5. Motivations for learning the language at SOAS

Availability of resources at SOAS

Beauty and uniqueness of Arabic language

Availability of Arabic speakers at SOAS

6. Preferred learning style

Solitary

7. Difficulties in pronunciation of certain letters

None

8. Difficulty in hearing the difference between short and long vowels Not difficult

9. Difficulties in grammar

Difficult to tell the theory behind some grammar rules

Verb tenses

10. Impressions on the methods used in class

Completely satisfied

11. How do you cope with the difficulties in learning Arabic

Lots of readings

12. Are the various dialects of Arabic a source of pleasure or burden for you?

An absolute burden

13. What Arab countries have you visited?

Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and UAE

14. Difficulties in writing

Handwriting is not good enough

- 15. Things you would like to learn in case you were to have a private lesson Revise of grammar rules like basic conjugation and past tense
- 16. I will be interviewing you in Arabic and asking you to write a composition in Arabic. Would you be willing to do so?
 Yes
- 17. Would you be willing to have a private lesson with me? Yes

Appendix (3)

Writing sample

	الإنشاء Composition
Write a short	email introducing yourself to a new Arab friend.
Make sure yo	u include:
Your name, wi	here you are from, your city, the region, what you do, where you work bout your parents
- entail your er	nail with a few questions of what you want to find about your friend.
الاتون	من كندن و أسكن في ونطقة م
	أين تسكن بالدريسة
يىت	
	اللغة العَربيّة عادا يَدرُسي؟
الإمارات	والمديدي يعمل مع مصرف
ے تعمل	الإسلامي في دُبُي و والدة
	في البيت في ذبي ايضاً
2 2)	مر انت بسکن مع مع و والد
	مالدَّنْهِ؟ تَسْيَوْنًا.

Appendix (4)

Errors made by the learner during classroom observation

1. Pronunciation-related problems

N/A

2. Subject-verb agreement

Confusing second person singular with third person singular.

3. Adjective-noun agreement

Confusing nouns with adjs. e.g., الجو برد

4. Fluency

Excellent speaking flow

5. Misuse of prepositions

Not noticed

6. Lack of vocabulary

Good for his level

7. Mother tongue interference

عامل ایه الجو ؟ v.s الجو عامل ایه ؟ / شوارع و اسع v.s شوارع و اسعة / الهولند v.s هولندا v.s واحد جنیه v.s

8. Verb-conjugation problems

أنت يدرس v.s أنت تدرس

9. Spelling problems

N/A

10. Confidence

Excellent

Appendix (5)

Transcript of interview

أفضل: مرحبا. أنا بخير الحمد لله، وأنت؟ جهاد: الحمد لله. هل أنت طالب في سواس؟ أفضل: نعم. الآن أدرس اللغة العربية في جامعة سواس. جهاد: رائع! وهل أنت في مستوى متقدم أم مبتدئ؟ أفضل: لا أفهم. جهاد: ?A beginner أفضل: نعم. جهاد: هل تحب العربية أفضل: نعم أحب اللغة العربية. جهاد: لماذا؟ أفضل: يعنى، هذا اللغة القرآن الكريم. جهاد: ومن هو معلمك المفضل؟ أفضل: معلم؟ جهاد: أستاذ. أفضل: آه.. يعني، كل الأساتذة كويس جدا جهاد: من أي أصل أنت؟ باكستاني... ب. أفضل: أصلي هندي. جهاد: ما هي اللغات التي تتكلمها؟ لغات أخرى تجيدها؟ أفضل: أتكلم انجليزي و أندونيسيا واردو شوية. جهاد: هل كنت تحب العربية قبل أن تبدأ بتعلمها؟ أفضل: نعم بسبب قراءة القرآن. جهاد: هل تنوي الاستمرار بتعلم العربية.... هل تريد أن تكمل دراسة العربية؟ أفضل:نعم، يعنى... A few classes جهاد: كمان بعض الحصص؟ أفضل: Only one month. جهاد: كمان شهر واحد؟ أفضل: نعم في شهر واحد. جهاد: لغتك ممتازة. أفضل: يعنى، شكرا للقرآن. جهاد: طيب شكرا كثيرا لك أفضل وتشرفت بمعرفتك. أفضل: عفوا. جهاد: شكرا!

جهاد: مرحبا أفضل. كيف حالك؟

Appendix (6)

Activity 1: Refer the following objects to the following people or places.

	<u>1. هذا كتاب</u> أختى،
Max	2. هذه
Cairo University	3. هذه
munra ha	4, القدس
	5. هذهعمي.
POLICE	6. هذه
	7. هذه

Appendix (7)
Activity 2: Describe the actions of different people in each question by conjugating the verbs in formal Arabic provided in the sentence. Type the verb in its correct form in the blanks.

): مها <u>تسكن</u> في نيويورك.	مثال
أحمد في الامارات.	.1
والدة مها في عمان.	.2
في بيت الطلاب. (أنا)	.3
أقاربي في هذه المنطقة.	.4
أين؟ (أنتم)	.5
أنا وأصدقائي في نفس البيت.	.6
نحن الأردن كل سنة.	.7
دائماً الموسيقي في سيارتي.	.8
أخي هذا الكتاب الآن.	.9
هل اللغة الايطالية با رندة؟	.10
أنت لا من هي.	.11
كيف كل الكلمات الجديدة يا طلاب؟	.12

(Adapted from Al-Batal et al, 2011)

Appendix (8)

Activity 3: Use adjectives to complete each sentence. Look at the pictures to help you.



Appendix (9)
Activity 4: Compare the following objects using the adjectives provided in the box. Modify the forms of adjectives using the pattern أفعل to make comparatives.

