

UNIT 6

Lesson 1 Grammar



The present tense (المضارع)

The present tense in Arabic is conjugated by attaching prefixes (and sometimes both prefixes and a suffixes) to the verb as shown in the following table. Listen to the audio recording as you read the conjugations out loud. What patterns do you notice?

Prefixes and suffixes	Verb: شرب	Verb: حَبَّ	Pronoun
أ -	I drink أَشرب	I like أَحَبَّ	أنا
ن -	we drink نَشرب	we like نَحَبَّ	إِحنَا
ت -	you (m.s.) drink تَشرب	you (m.s.) like تَحَبَّ	انتَ
ت - ي	you (f.s.) drink تَشربي	you (f.s.) like تَحبي	انتِ
ت - وا	you (pl.) drink تَشربوا	you (pl.) like تحبوا	انتو
ي -	he drinks يشرب	he likes يحب	هو
ت -	she drinks تشرب	تحب	هي
ي - وا	they drink يشربوا	they like يحبوا	هم