UNIT 6

Lesson 5 Grammar

Sociolinguistic Corner



1. The Present Tense (الفعل المضارع) in

The present tense in مصري is similar to the present tense in مصري. The only difference is that the verb conjugations for أنت – أنتم – هم can have an additional نـ ending. Listen to the recording as you look at the examples below:

فصحی The present tense in	
أشرب	أنا
نشرب	نَحنُ
تشرب	أنتَ
تشربين/تشربي	أنت
تشربون/تشربوا	أنتُم
يشرب	هو
تشرب	هـي
یشربون/یشربوا	هُم

There are grammatical rules for when these conjugations have the additional $\dot{\upsilon}$ ending and when they don't. You will eventually learn these rules as you continue your Arabic studies. For now, simply note that both options (with the $\dot{\upsilon}$ - and without it) have the same meaning.