

50+ Common Arabic Adjectives for Beginners

1. Size and Shape Adjectives

Masculine	Feminine	<u>Transliteration</u>	English Meaning	Cultural Notes
كبير	كبيرة	kabīr / kabīrah	big, large	Common for describing houses, objects, or people.
صغير	صغيرة	ṣaghīr / ṣaghīrah	small, little	Used for children, pets, or objects.
طويل	طويلة	ṭawīl / ṭawīlah	tall, long	Describes height or length.
قصير	قصيرة	qaṣīr / qaṣīrah	short	Often used for people or hair length.
عريض	عريضة	‘arīḍ / ‘arīḍah	wide	Describes roads, tables, or clothing.
ضيق	ضيقة	ḍayyīq / ḍayyīqah	narrow	Useful for streets or clothing.
دائري	دائرية	dā’irī / dā’irīyah	round	Common for objects like plates or wheels.
مربع	مربعة	murabba‘ / murabba‘ah	square	Shapes in everyday objects.

Example Sentences:

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هذا بيت كبير	—	hādhā bayt kabīr	This is a big house.	Describing homes.
—	هذه سيارة صغيرة	hādhihi sayyārah ṣaghīrah	This is a small car.	Feminine noun requires feminine adjective.
الرجل طويل	—	al-rajul ṭawīl	The man is tall.	Talking about height.
—	الطفلة قصيرة	al-ṭiflatu qaṣīrah	The little girl is short.	Gender agreement.

2. Color Adjectives

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أحمر	حمراء	aḥmar / ḥamrā'	red	Clothing, fruits, cars.
أزرق	زرقاء	azraq / zarqā'	blue	Sky, water, clothes.
أصفر	صفراء	aṣfar / ṣafrā'	yellow	Fruits, sun.
أخضر	خضراء	akhḍar / khadrā'	green	Plants, vegetables.
أسود	سوداء	aswad / sawdā'	black	Clothing, animals.

أبيض	بيضاء	abyad / bayḍā'	white	Objects, paper, clothing.
بني	بنية	bunnī / bunnīyah	brown	Hair, furniture.
برتقالي	برتقالية	burtuqālī / burtuqāliyah	orange	Fruits, decoration.

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السيارة أحمر	—	al-sayyārah aḥmar	The car is red.	Vehicle colors.
—	السماء زرقاء	al-samā' zarqā'	The sky is blue.	Weather/scenery.
القميص أصفر	—	al-qamīṣ aṣḥar	The shirt is yellow.	Clothing colors.
—	الوردة خضراء	al-wardah khadrā'	The flower is green.	Plants or leaves.

3. Personality and Character Adjectives

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ذكي	ذكية	dhakī / dhakīyah	smart, intelligent	Compliment politely.
غبى	غبية	ghabī / ghabīyah	stupid, silly	Use carefully; can insult.
لطيف	لطيفة	laṭīf / laṭīfah	kind, nice	Everyday interactions.
وقح	وقحة	waqīḥ / waqīḥah	rude, impolite	Manners.

شجاع	شجاعة	shujā' / shujā'ah	brave	Compliment courage.
خائف	خائفة	khā'if / khā'ifah	scared, afraid	Express caution/fear.
صبور	صبورة	ṣabūr / ṣabūrah	patient	Valued trait in culture.
كسول	كسولة	kasūl / kasūlah	lazy	Casual speech.

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صديقك ذكي	—	ṣadīquka dhakī	Your friend is smart.	Common compliment.
—	الطالبة غبية	al-ṭālibah ghabīyah	The student is silly.	Feminine form.
المعلم لطيف	—	al-mu'allim laṭīf	The teacher is kind.	Male teacher.
—	المعلمة لطيفة	al-mu'allimah laṭīfah	The teacher is kind.	Female teacher.

4. Temperature and Feelings Adjectives

Masculine	Feminine	<u>Transliteration</u>	English Meaning	Cultural Notes
حار	حارة	ḥār / ḥārah	hot	Weather, food, drinks.
بارد	باردة	bārid / bāridah	cold	Weather, drinks.
سعيد	سعيدة	sa'īd / sa'īdah	happy	Express emotions.
حزين	حزينة	ḥazīn / ḥazīnah	sad	Mood or situations.
مريض	مريضة	marīḍ / marīḍah	sick	Health-related conversations.
متعب	متعبة	mut'ab / mut'abah	tired	Daily use.
جائع	جائعة	jā'i' / jā'i'ah	hungry	Daily life.
عطشان	عطشانة	'aṭshān / 'aṭshānah	thirsty	Practical for beginners.

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أنا سعيد	—	anā sa'īd	I am happy.	Expressing personal feelings.
—	أنا سعيدة	anā sa'īdah	I am happy.	Female speaker.
الطقس حار اليوم	—	al-taqs ḥār al-yawm	The weather is hot today.	Talking about daily weather.
—	المشروب باردة	al-mashrūb bāridah	The drink is cold.	Feminine noun example.

5. Taste and Quality Adjectives

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لذيذ	لذيذة	ladhīdh / ladhīdhah	delicious	Describing food politely.
سيء	سيئة	sayyi' / sayyi'ah	bad, poor	Food, service, experiences.
طازج	طازجة	tāzaj / tāzajah	fresh	Vegetables, fruits, bread.
نظيف	نظيفة	naẓīf / naẓīfah	clean	Rooms, clothes, objects.
وسخ	وسخة	wāsikh / wāskhah	dirty	Practical daily use.
سريع	سريعة	sarī' / sarī'ah	fast	Service, transport, processes.
بطيء	بطيئة	baṭī' / baṭī'ah	slow	Traffic, service, movement.

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الطعام لذيذ	—	al-ṭa'ām ladhīdh	The food is delicious.	Complimenting food.
—	الطاولة نظيفة	al-ṭāwilah naẓīfah	The table is clean.	Household or restaurant use.
المطعم سيء	—	al-maṭ'am sayyi'	The restaurant is bad.	Critique politely.
—	الفاكهة طازجة	al-fākihah tāzajah	The fruit is fresh.	Market or home use.