

Materials for this Study Guide

- Syrian Colloquial Arabic, Unit III "A Room with a Bath" - Function F "Talking about Your Family"
- LangMedia Arabic Collection:
 - Levantine Audio Comparisons – [Family](#)
 - Family in Arab Levant
 - [Family Introductions](#)
 - "People in My Family"
 - "My Family"
 - [Families in Syria](#) - "Strong Family Ties"
 - [Jordanian Family Relations](#) - "Socialization of Children"
 - [Palestinian Family Life](#) - "The Concept of Family"

Assignments for Independent Study

- Work through all the textbook materials in Unit III "A Room with a Bath" - Function F "Talking about Your Family". Listen to the audio. Practice repeating after the speakers. Put down your book and try to use the phrases and repeat the dialog without looking at your textbook. Do the exercises on your own. Check yourself using the answer key. Do the exercises orally as much as possible.
- Listen to and practice the words and phrases on LangMedia: Levantine Audio Comparisons: [Family](#). Compare the pronunciation and expression of numbers in different forms of Levantine Arabic.
- Watch the following videos for listening comprehension practice. First listen without consulting the text or translation. Then study the texts. Pick out a few words or expressions to learn from each video.
 - [Family Introductions](#)
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Self Check

- This week is for review and to fill in gaps. You should already know or be able to quickly learn:
 - the vocabulary for naming the members of a large extended family
 - how to ask and answer appropriate questions about family
 - review of greetings, introductions, and how are you conversations

Conversation Session Preparation

- Create a family tree for a large extended family to bring to your conversation session. You can use your own family for the tree or make up a family. Be prepared to describe how the various people on the tree are related to one another and answer questions from your classmates.
- Be prepared to role play arriving at a friend's house where a large family gathering is taking place. You will be introduced one by one to many members of the family. Your conversation partner will tell you who the person is (the person's role in the family and relationship to him/her) and then play the role of the person so that you can practice greeting that person, exchanging appropriate pleasantries, and ask and answer appropriate get acquainted questions.
- Be prepared to role play being seated next to a very inquisitive member of the host family who wants to know all about you and your family.
- Be prepared to review talking about time and schedules.