

## I COMMAND YOU TO LEARN THIS

Commands (فعل الأمر) are very simple to learn in Arabic because there are only three conjugations: you, you, and you. And with the dual, you and you. (You masculine, you feminine, you plural, you two men, you two women. And you group of women, so I suppose there are 6.)

**WHEN ARABIC SPEAKERS DISCOVER THAT  
ENGLISH ONLY HAS ONE 'YOU' FORM**



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These verbs are used in things like recipes because you are telling people to ‘add three cups of flour’ and ‘don’t forget to wash your hands!’

For measure I, commands follow this specific pattern (in red):

أَنْتَ إِفْتَعِ

أَنْتِ إِفْتَعِي

أَنْتُمْ إِفْتَعُوا

For measures II-X (every other verb that has more than three letters or a shadda), they drop the alif in front:

أَنْتَ غَسِّلْ

أَنْتِ غَسِّلِي

أَنْتُمْ غَسِّلُوا

We see this in verbs like ضع (telling a guy to ‘put’ something somewhere) or ضعي (telling a girl to ‘put’ something somewhere)

To negate, simply put a لا in front of the regularly conjugated verb:

أَنْتَ لَا تُغَسِّلْ

أَنْتِ لَا تُغَسِّلِي

أَنْتُمْ لَا تُغَسِّلُوا

Don’t forget!! لا تنسى !!