

Class schedule for *Alif Baa*: Make sure to check this online schedule on a daily basis for any changes.

Week 1

Note #1: There are two ways to access the audio and video files as well as all the drills in Alif Baa, and both are free.

- First way is on the Smart Sparrow platform via [this link](#).
- Second way is via [this link](#).

Note #2: The Answer Key to the exercises is posted [HERE](#), but **do not** access the Answer Key until you're done with the homework.

Date	Content to be covered in class	Homework: Reading and preparation from the textbook, required activities on the online companion website, written homework to hand in to the instructor in class, as well as any other assigned work (Note: This is the date a homework is due, not the date it is assigned)
Tuesday Sept 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introductions: Saying greetings and introducing one's name in Arabic ▪ Administrivia: Syllabus and course requirements ▪ What do you know about Arabic? <p><i>Unit 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Characteristics of the Arabic script and varieties of Arabic ▪ Drill 4, p.16: Greetings and introductions in formal and colloquial Arabic 	<p style="text-align: center;">Homework # 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Get the Alif Baa' textbook if you haven't done so already. 2) Read "<i>Preface to the Student</i>" in Alif Baa', pp. vii-ix 3) Study pp. 1-9 of Unit 1, and do the following two exercises online: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listening Exercise 1 (p. 2): Listen to the pronunciation of each letter several times while studying the chart on p. 2. - Listening Exercise 2 (p. 9).
Wednesday Sept 9	<p><i>Unit 1 cont.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drill 2: Transliteration ▪ Greetings and introductions cont. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Homework # 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Study pp. 9-17 of Unit 1, and do Drill 1 and Drill 3 online. 2) Make sure to study the transliteration charts on pp. 11-12 and practice producing the Arabic sounds. 3) Study and listen to the formal, shaami, and maSri vocabulary (p. 15) online.

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Thursday Sept 10	<p><i>Unit 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter writing and recognition ▪ Vocabulary and conversation: Meeting people (Drill 17) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Homework # 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Study pp. 20-29 of Unit 2, and do Listening Exercises 1-5 online. 2) Watch the videos on writing the letters ا، ب، ت، ث and practice writing the letters in your book. 3) Do Drills 1 and 3 online. 4) Hand in Drill 2 (marked with corrections, if any, based on Answer Key). 5) Study and listen to the formal, shaami, and maSri vocabulary (pp. 41-42) online.
Friday Sept 11	<p><i>Unit 2 cont.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drill 11: Dictation ▪ Drill 12: Reading aloud ▪ More vocabulary activation 	<p style="text-align: center;">Homework #4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Study pp. 29-40 of Unit 2, watch the videos on writing the letters و ي as well as the short vowels, practice writing the letters and short vowels in your book, and do Listening Exercises 6-11 online. 2) Do Drills 6 and 7 online. 3) Hand in Drills 4, 5, 10, and 13 (marked with corrections, if any, based on Answer Key).