

# A FEW ARABIC WORDS THAT MAY HELP WHILE IN EGYPT

(although most people you will come across speak very good English)

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## To say:

Good morning	Sabah el kher
<i>Remember to roll the r r r r s.</i>	
Good Evening	Mesa'a El-kheer
May your day be a happy one	Naharak sa'id
Thank you	Shuk-run
Thank you very much	Shuk-run gazeelan
Yes	Aiwa
No	La
No, thank you	La, shuk-run
Please (to a man)	Minfadlak
Please (to a woman)	Minfadlik
<i>There are masculine and feminine words but using the masculine is acceptable.</i>	
No problem	Mafeesh moshkela
You're welcome	Awfwan
<i>When you thank someone you will hear Awfwan quite often.</i>	
God willing	En Shalla
<i>When you say "I'll see you later", or "See you tomorrow", you will hear this phrase.</i>	
Welcome	Ahlan or Marhaba
<i>You will hear this often, and you will be saying it also.</i>	
You are twice welcome	Marhabten
I'm glad to meet you	Ta sha rafna
<i>They think very highly of this greeting.</i>	
Good-by	Ma'a salaama
Good	Kwaees
You are overcharging me	Mish mumkin
<i>Literally, "No way" or "Impossible"</i>	
Peace be upon you	Es salamu alekum
<i>... to which you respond</i>	We- 'alekum es salam
Tea (which you'll drink plenty of)	Shy
Beer or Stella Beer	Beera or Stella local
<i>There is a Stella export and a Stella local. Most travelers prefer the local.</i>	

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Arabic is read right to left but numbers are read left to right, like we do. You can practice your numbers by reading license plates as we travel. Many of them have the English numbers printed below the Arabic, so it's a double check.

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