

Tunisian Arabic



language difficulties

Note that, unlike Modern Standard Arabic or the other varieties of Arabic included in this phrasebook, Tunisian Arabic doesn't distinguish between the masculine and feminine gender in the second-person singular verb forms (ie with the 'you' pronoun) – all people are addressed the same way, regardless of their gender.

Do you speak English?

تتكلم بالانجليزية؟ *tit-kal-am bil-in-glee-zee-ya*

Do you understand?

فهمت؟ *fa-himt*

I understand.

فهمت. *fa-himt*

I don't understand.

ما فهمتش. *ma fa-himt-ish*

Could you please ...?

بربي ...؟

brab-ee ...

repeat that

عودها

aw-wid-ha

speak more slowly

اتكلم بشوية

it-kal-im bi-shway-a

write it down

اكتبهالي

ik-tib-haa-lee



numbers

0	صفر	<i>si-fur</i>	20	عشرين	<i>'ash-reen</i>
1	واحد	<i>waa-hid</i>	30	ثلاثين	<i>thlaa-theen</i>
2	زوز	<i>zooz</i>	40	اربعين	<i>ar-bai-een</i>
3	ثلاثة	<i>thlaa-tha</i>	50	خمسين	<i>kham-seen</i>
4	اربعة	<i>ar-ba'</i>	60	ستين	<i>sit-een</i>
5	خمسة	<i>kham-sa</i>	70	سبعين	<i>sa-ba'-een</i>
6	سته	<i>sit-a</i>	80	ثمانين	<i>tha-ma-neen</i>
7	سبعة	<i>sa-ba'</i>	90	تسعين	<i>ti-sa'-een</i>
8	ثمانية	<i>the-maan-ya</i>	100	مئة	<i>mee-ya</i>
9	تسعة	<i>tis-a'</i>	1000	الف	<i>alf</i>
10	عشرة	<i>'ash-ra</i>	1,000,000	مليون	<i>mel-yoon</i>

For Arabic numerals, see the box on page 14.