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Sahlawayhi 2: Graded Stories For Beginners [Arabic Edition]



Synopsis

This is the first-ever series of graded stories for beginning adult learners of Arabic as a foreign language. It is based on the following principles: 1. Gradual introduction of vocabulary and structure, in context. 2. Frequent recycling of both. 3. A huge volume of comprehensible input. The 24 stories in this audiobook are divided into 6 levels of 4 stories each. Levels 1 to 3 are for beginners; levels 4 to 6 are for intermediate students. The stories range from 200 to 400 words.

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Customer Reviews

This second installment of the Sahlawayhi series is a perfect continuation of the excellent first part. Like the first, it introduces more vocabulary very gradually and recycles it frequently. You will be able to read entire pages without going to your dictionary or the glossary. There are some things (nothing I would take stars off for) that improvements on might help students in future editions. There is only a glossary of new words for each chapter. If you want to look up a word from a previous chapter or the previous book, you have to look it up in that chapter or you still have to have the previous book and find it in the chapter where it first appears there. A glossary of all words used in the book would be very helpful for words that may have slipped the student's mind. The actual stories in this book are not quite as funny as those in the previous one, in fact, they are quite maudlin. And if the author gave you a few very brief glimpses of his politics in the previous one, his politics are on full display in at least one story of this book.

A great progressive reader that builds on the foundation of the first book. There is some political color with the evils of oil exploitation and the "new mongol" invasion of the middle east. I could have

done without the commentary but the book was useful as a reader to build vocabulary and understand grammar in context.

As with vol 1., this is an excellent book for maintaining and slowly improving your ability in reading Arabic. It cannot replace a regular course in the language, but the author's principle of providing "massive amounts of comprehensible input" is effective for adult learner who need lots of practice to catch on and get comfortable with reading.

It's too bad there are only 3 of these. I found them so useful, the words are repeated over and over in each selection, in different grammatical forms etc so that at the end you really feel you internalized them. Some of the stories are a little silly (why do they always have to be about foreigners?) and answer keys to the questions at the end of each story would be nice, but overall these books are wonderful, they really give you the feeling that you know some arabic.

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