



# Exploring Saudi Arabia



The English Hub

# Welcome to Saudi Arabia!

Today we're exploring Saudi Arabia: a country known for deserts, tradition, and transformation. You will learn new words, practise grammar, and improve your English by imagining what it's like to be there, even if you've never been.

## Today's Goals:

- Use “**There is / There are**” to describe places and things
- Learn and use new vocabulary
- Practise speaking fluently and clearly
- Listen to a short story and answer questions
- Use confident pronunciation and sentence building



# What Do You Know About Saudi Arabia?

## Discuss:

- Have you ever been to Saudi Arabia or heard stories about it?
- What do you imagine when you think of this country?
- Do you know any food, places, or landmarks from there?
- Would you like to go? Why?

Tip: Sentence building:

**“I think...”, “Maybe...”, “I’ve heard...”**



# Spoken Overview: What's Saudi Arabia Like?

Read the facts below with your tutor:

- Capital City: **Riyadh**
- Known for: **deserts, dates, modern cities, mountains, mosques**
- Landscape: hot deserts, green highlands, the Red Sea coast
- Language: Arabic

## Fun Fact:

- Saudi Arabia has the **largest sand desert** in the world, called the *Empty Quarter*



# Vocabulary: Places, Culture & Food

Review the vocabulary below with your tutor and discuss any unfamiliar words:

| Word         | Explanation                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Desert       | A dry, sandy place with little rain               |
| Mosque       | A building where Muslims pray                     |
| Date (fruit) | A sweet brown fruit grown in palm trees           |
| Skyline      | The outline of a city's buildings against the sky |
| Camel        | An animal used for travel in hot, dry places      |
| Souk         | A traditional market, busy and full of shops      |
| Modern       | New, advanced, up-to-date                         |
| Mountain     | A tall natural landform, bigger than a hill       |

**Task:** Choose 2 words from the list and create your own sentences using them!

# Vocabulary Speaking: Use What You've Learned

Take turns in answering the questions below with your tutor, focusing on vocabulary:

- Have you ever seen a desert in real life or in pictures?
- What do you think you can find in a souk (market)?
- What kind of skyline do you like, modern or traditional?
- What's your favourite fruit? Have you ever tried dates?

Tip: sentence building: **“In my country, we call this...”, “In English, it’s...”**

Language note:

In English, we say *market* for *souk*. What do you call it in your language?



# Grammar Focus: “There is / There are”

## Grammar Rule:

We use ‘**There is**’ for **one thing** and ‘**There are**’ for **two or more things**.

Structure:

- Singular (1): **There is** + a/an + noun
- Plural (2+): **There are** + (some/many) + noun

Examples:

- “There **is** a desert in Saudi Arabia.”
- “There **are** many tall buildings in Riyadh.”
- “There **is** a date tree in the garden.”
- “There **are** mountains in the west.”

Use this grammar for describing places, nature, cities, markets



# Grammar Practice: Make Your Own Sentences

Take turns in answering the questions below with your tutor:

- What's in your hometown?
- Are there any markets or historic places near you?
- Describe a place using “there is” and “there are
- Use one new vocabulary word in a sentence

Tip: Starting responses: **“There is a...”, “There are some...”**



# Grammar Add-On: Negative and Question Forms

## Spoken Rule:

### Negative:

“There isn’t...” (for one thing)

“There aren’t...” (for many things)

### Questions:

“Is there...?”

“Are there...?”

### Examples:

- “There **isn’t** a river in the desert.”
- “There **aren’t** any camels in the city.”
- “**Is there** a market nearby?”
- “**Are there** any tall buildings in this area?”



# Ask & Answer: Describe Your City or Country

Take turns to answer the questions below:

1. Is there a famous building in your city?
2. Are there any traditional markets in your country?
3. Are there any mountains near where you live?
4. Is there a place where people meet and relax?
5. What is there in your favourite travel destination?

Tip: Focus on today's grammar and create full sentences using:  
**“There is...”, “There are...”, “Yes, there is...”, “No, there isn’t...”**



# Pronunciation Practise:

Practise reading the words below with your tutor, focusing on pronunciation and fluency:

- Mountain
- Desert
- Modern
- Mosque
- Fruit
- Skyline
- There is / There are
- Market

## **Focus:**

- Natural stress
- Final sounds



# Listening & Reading: A Day in Jeddah

Your tutor will read out the following passage:

“Jeddah is a city on the coast of Saudi Arabia. There is a long promenade by the sea. There are markets, cafés, and palm trees everywhere. I visited a souk where people were selling spices, clothes, and perfumes. There were also street artists painting near the Red Sea. At sunset, the sky turned pink and orange. It was peaceful and warm.”

## Questions:

- What city did they visit?
- What did they see in the souk (market)?
- What was the sky like at sunset?
- Would you like to go to a place like this?



# Real or Not Real?

Your tutor says a fact, your job is to say if it's true or not:

- There are penguins in the Saudi desert.
- There is a huge clock tower in Makkah.
- There are forests all over Riyadh.
- There are camels in many parts of the country.

Answers on the next slide:



# Answers:

- There are penguins in the Saudi desert. – False
- There is a huge clock tower in Makkah. – True
- There are forests all over Riyadh. – False
- There are camels in many parts of the country. - True

Follow-up:

Which fact surprised you the most?

Which one did you already know?

# Speaking Activity: Describe Your Day in Saudi Arabia

## Scenario:

Let's imagine you're spending a day in Saudi Arabia. Tell your tutor about what you can see, hear, and feel using 'there is' or 'there are'.

- What city are you in?
- What's the weather like?
- What's in the streets or markets?
- What can you see when the sun sets?

Tip: Storytelling prompts: **“There are palm trees...”, “There is music playing...”**

Then, ask your tutor the same questions!

# Fun Facts About Saudi Arabia

Read the fun facts below with your tutor:

- Saudi Arabia has **no rivers**, but it has many underground water sources
- The **Burj Rafal** in Riyadh is one of the tallest buildings in the Middle East
- Camels are called “**ships of the desert**” because they can travel far without water
- Dates are eaten during special celebrations, sweet and full of energy
- There are places where **it snows** in the Saudi mountains!