


# UNIT TWO

## INTRODUCING YOURSELF

### READING

1 Read this paragraph about Mohammad Yousef. He is introducing himself.

My name is Mohammad Yousef and I am a football player. I was born in Tanta in Egypt. I play for a club in Cairo. The name of the club is Al Awal club. I am twenty-eight years old and I am married. I have one child. I live in a large flat in Dokki with my wife, my son, my mother, my brother and my brother's family. I speak Arabic and English. I also understand some French, but I don't speak it well. I like squash, music and going to the cinema. Of course, I also like football!

- How many full stops are there? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many exclamation marks are there? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many sentences are there? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many commas are there? \_\_\_\_\_ Put a circle  around them.
- One verb is negative. Write it here: \_\_\_\_\_
- What are the other verbs? Complete the list:

is am was born play \_\_\_\_\_

Now complete the table with information about Mohammad.

Name: _____	Born: _____
Age: _____	Home: _____
Job: _____	Hobbies: _____
Place of work: _____	_____
Married/Single: _____	Languages: _____
Children: _____	_____

2 Three students have written about themselves:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I was born in Alexandria, but I don't live there now. I live in Cairo and I am a student at Cairo University. I am twenty years old and I am not married. I study English at the university. I am in my second year there. I also study Arabic, business administration and mathematics. I speak Arabic, French and English.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I was born in Salalah in the south of Oman. I am twenty-two years old and I am a student at a college in Al Khuwair. The name of the college is the Oman Technical Industrial College. I study business administration. I am in my third year there. I also study English and computing. I would like to work in a bank.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am seventeen years old and I am a student at a secondary school in Amman in Jordan. I was born in a small town near Amman, but I live in Amman now. I study Arabic, mathematics and science. I also study computing at home. I hope to go to university next year to study computing. I speak Arabic and English.

Use the table to find the names of the three students.

Subjects	Khalifa	Fauzia	Hamad
Arabic		✓	✓
English	✓	✓	
business administration	✓	✓	
computing	✓		✓
mathematics		✓	✓
science			✓

a) Where does Khalifa live?

He lives

b) Which subjects does Fauzia study?

She studies

c) Where was Hamad born?

He was born

d) Which student wants to work in a bank?



3 Are you a student? \_\_\_\_\_. What subjects do you study? Tick ✓ the boxes.

- |             |                          |                 |                          |                  |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> | engineering     | <input type="checkbox"/> | history          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| science     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Islamic studies | <input type="checkbox"/> | business studies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| computing   | <input type="checkbox"/> | medicine        | <input type="checkbox"/> | accounting       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| geography   | <input type="checkbox"/> | economics       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Arabic           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English     | <input type="checkbox"/> | French          | <input type="checkbox"/> |                  |                          |

others: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a sentence:

I \_\_\_\_\_

4 What languages do you speak?

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|--------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Arabic | <input type="checkbox"/> | English | <input type="checkbox"/> | French | <input type="checkbox"/> | German  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Greek   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hindi  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urdu    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Farsi  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Swahili | <input type="checkbox"/> | Turkish | <input type="checkbox"/> |

others: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a sentence:

I \_\_\_\_\_

**Language: like/likes**

Look at these sentences:

I **like** football.

I **have** one child.

I **am** a football player.

Fatima **likes** reading.

She **has** three children.

She **is** a teacher.

5 Put the right verbs in these sentences.

a) work/works

I \_\_\_\_\_ in a bank, but my brother \_\_\_\_\_ in a ministry.

b) am/is

My sister \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher, I \_\_\_\_\_ a nurse and my brother \_\_\_\_\_ a clerk.

c) play/plays

Abdullah \_\_\_\_\_ tennis, but I \_\_\_\_\_ squash.

d) have/has

Nora \_\_\_\_\_ three children, Hassan \_\_\_\_\_ two and I \_\_\_\_\_ none.

e) study/studies

My sister \_\_\_\_\_ French and German, but I \_\_\_\_\_ English and Arabic.

f) like/likes

My brother \_\_\_\_\_ watching television, but I \_\_\_\_\_ reading.

■ SENTENCE BUILDING

6 Use the table to write sentences like this.

WHO?	VERB	WHAT?
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I like listening to music.

Hobbies	Khalifa	Fauzia	Hamad	You
watching television		✓		
playing football	×		✓	
collecting stamps		×	✓	
writing letters		✓	×	
travelling	✓	✓	×	
listening to music	✓		✓	
cooking		✓		
reading	✓	×	✓	

Khalifa: "I like listening to music, travelling and reading."

Fauzia: "I \_\_\_\_\_"

\_\_\_\_\_

Hamad: "I \_\_\_\_\_"

\_\_\_\_\_

You: "I \_\_\_\_\_"

\_\_\_\_\_



**Language: don't**

We put **do not** or **don't** in front of the base form of the verb to make the negative.

For example:

I **don't like** playing volleyball.

I **don't live** in Baghdad.

I **don't study** mathematics.

7 Now use the table in 6 to write sentences with **don't**.

Khalifa: "I don't like playing football".

Fauzia: "I \_\_\_\_\_"

Hamad: "I \_\_\_\_\_"

You: "I \_\_\_\_\_"

8 Make negative sentences with **don't**.

a) I speak French and Turkish very well. (English)

I \_\_\_\_\_

b) I work in a hospital. (ministry)

\_\_\_\_\_

c) I play tennis and football. (squash)

\_\_\_\_\_

d) I study engineering and mathematics. (computing)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Language: was born**

Fatima **was born** in Muscat in Oman.

Waleed **was born** in Amman in Jordan.

Nadia lives in Kuwait, but she **was born** in Basra in Iraq.

Mohammad says. "I **was born** in Tanta in Egypt".

9 Answer the questions.

a) Where were you born?

I \_\_\_\_\_

b) Where was your father born?

My \_\_\_\_\_

c) Where was your mother born?

My \_\_\_\_\_

Now write three more sentences about people you know.

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

■ JOINING SENTENCES

but

We use **but** to join sentences. Example:

I understand French. I don't speak it very well.

I understand French, **but** I don't speak it very well.

We usually put a comma before **but**.

10 Now join these sentences with **but**.

a) I am married. I have no children.

\_\_\_\_\_

b) I was born in Mosul. I live in Baghdad.

\_\_\_\_\_

c) I live in Fehaheel. I work in Al Ahmadi.

\_\_\_\_\_

d) I like listening to music. I don't like watching television.

\_\_\_\_\_

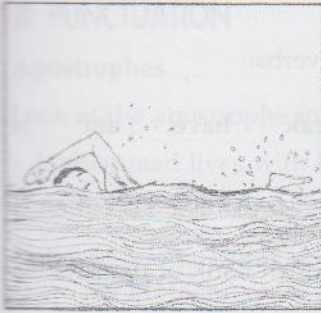
e) I drive to the college. My brother goes on foot.

\_\_\_\_\_

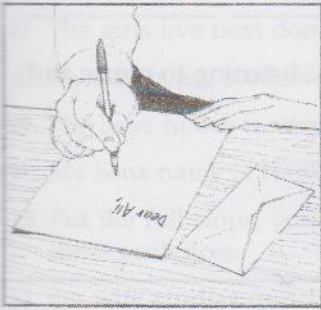
11 Use the pictures on the opposite page to write sentences like this:

I like . . . , but I don't like . . .

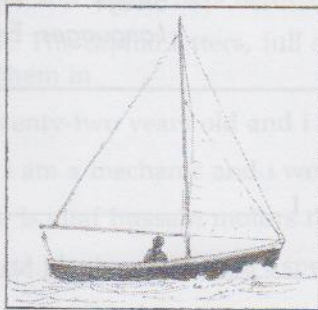




a) \_\_\_\_\_



b) \_\_\_\_\_



c) \_\_\_\_\_

Write three TRUE sentences about yourself with **but**.

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

■ GUIDED PARAGRAPH

12 Fareed is writing about himself. Complete this paragraph with these verbs:

play speak study like live understand (not) speak have am is

I \_\_\_\_\_ a clerk in a bank in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. My name \_\_\_\_\_ Fareed Saleem and I \_\_\_\_\_ thirty-one years old. The name of the bank \_\_\_\_\_ the British Bank of the Middle East. I \_\_\_\_\_ in a flat near the centre of Riyadh. I \_\_\_\_\_ married and I \_\_\_\_\_ two children. In the evenings I \_\_\_\_\_ English at the British Council. I \_\_\_\_\_ Arabic and English well. I also \_\_\_\_\_ a little Hindi, but I \_\_\_\_\_ it well. In my spare time I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of tennis. I also \_\_\_\_\_ listening to music and travelling.

13 Use the table to complete the paragraph below.

<i>Name:</i>	Fatima Al Baluchi	<i>Born:</i>	Seeb
<i>Age:</i>	28	<i>Home:</i>	house – Qurm
<i>Job:</i>	teacher	<i>Hobbies:</i>	reading, drawing, visiting other countries
<i>Place of work:</i>	Al Nahda Secondary School	<i>Study:</i>	French – at home
<i>Married/Single:</i>	married	<i>Languages:</i>	English, Arabic, a little French
<i>Children:</i>	3		

My name \_\_\_\_\_ Fatima Al Baluchi. I \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ Al Nahda \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ married \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ children. I \_\_\_\_\_ in Seeb but I \_\_\_\_\_ there. I \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ in Qurm. I \_\_\_\_\_ reading, \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ French at \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ Arabic, \_\_\_\_\_.



## ■ PUNCTUATION

### Apostrophes

Look at the apostrophe in this sentence:

Mohammad lives with his brother and his brother's family.

This means: "the family of his brother"

Note: my brother's car = the car belongs to one brother

my brothers' car = the car belongs to more than one brother.

14 Put apostrophes in these sentences *if necessary*.

- He works in Ahmeds company in Dammam.
- This is my sisters house. She likes gardening.
- The girls live next door to Fareeds sister.
- My sisters are students in the university.
- The boys house is very near. They walk to school.
- My sons name is Hamad. He is seventeen years old.

15 Put the full stops, commas, apostrophes and capital letters in these sentences.

- my wife studies french economics and history at the american university of beirut
- they speak arabic urdu and a little swahili
- my brother hopes to go to king abdul aziz university to study medicine
- the hotel is called the Nile hotel and the owners name is mustafa

16 Read this paragraph about Ali. The capital letters, full stops and commas are missing. Write them in.

my name is ali moosa i am twenty-two years old and i am single i was born in muharraq in bahrain but i live in manama i am a mechanic and i work in a garage about two miles from my house the name of the garage is altaf hussain motors the owner is a friend of mine my hobbies are reading watching television and playing volleyball i speak arabic and a little english

## ■ PARAGRAPH WRITING

17 You are Waleed or Nadia. Read the paragraphs about them in Unit 1 pages 12–13. Now write one paragraph again.

Begin:

My name is Waleed/Nadia . . .

*Checklist.*

Read your paragraph again and answer the questions on the next page. Write your answers under 1.

	Paragraph		
	1	2	3
a) How many sentences are there?			
b) How many full stops?			
c) Does each sentence begin with a capital letter?			
d) Does each sentence have a verb?			

18 Complete this table about yourself.

Name: _____	Born: _____
Age: _____	Home: _____
Job: _____	Hobbies: _____
Place of work: _____	_____
Married/Single: _____	Languages: _____
Children: _____	_____
_____	Study: _____
_____	_____

Now write a paragraph about yourself. Use these verbs:

am/is    was born    have    work    like    live    speak    study    play    etc.

Begin: My name is . . .

Complete the checklist (2).

19 Read the paragraph about Mohammad on page 19 again. Find out some information about a famous person. Now write a paragraph about them. Do not write the name.

Begin: My name is X . . .

Complete the checklist (3).



Now give the paragraph to another student. Ask him or her who you have written about.

## ■ CORRECTING WRITTEN WORK

20 Read this paragraph about Samya. There are the following mistakes:

- FIVE spelling mistakes
- FOUR capital letters are missing
- THREE full stops are missing
- ONE comma is missing

Try to find them and correct them.

My name is Samya Yousef I was  
borne in Dammam in the east of  
Saudi arabia. I am twanty-one  
yers old and I am not married  
I stady computing mathematics  
and sciens at King Fahd university  
in dahran I like learning english  
and travelling. I would like to be  
a lecturer in computing.

Now copy out the paragraph correctly.

## ■ SPELLING AND VOCABULARY

21 Make the words for subjects from these jumbled letters.  
Use the list of subjects on page 21 if you need help.

niececs \_\_\_\_\_ catishemmta \_\_\_\_\_

tiryosh \_\_\_\_\_ gotumpinc \_\_\_\_\_

gireigennen \_\_\_\_\_ cidenime \_\_\_\_\_

monosicce \_\_\_\_\_ nocantgicu \_\_\_\_\_

nebisuss desitus \_\_\_\_\_

22 What languages do they speak in these countries?

Choose from the list on page 21.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Austria _____  | Turkey _____   |
| Morocco _____  | Canada _____   |
| Greece _____   | Pakistan _____ |
| India _____    | Iran _____     |
| Tanzania _____ | Belgium _____  |

**23 Consonants**

All of these words have double consonants, e.g. **pp, dd, ll, ff**, etc.  
Try to complete the words.

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| a) t e _ _ i s   | b) m i _ _ l e     |
| c) l i _ _ l e   | d) m a _ _ i e d   |
| e) h o _ _ i e s | f) f o o t b a _ _ |
| g) c o _ _ e g e | h) s m a _ _       |
| i) l e _ _ e r   | j) s p e _ _ i n g |
| k) o _ _ i c e   | l) c o _ _ a       |

**24 Sports and hobbies**

We say: **I play** football.

but: **I like** watching football. **I like** drawing. etc.

Complete these sentences with sports and hobbies.

- I like c \_\_\_\_\_ stamps.
- I play t \_\_\_\_\_ very well.
- I like c \_\_\_\_\_ and w \_\_\_\_\_ letters.
- I play s \_\_\_\_\_, but not very well.
- I like l \_\_\_\_\_ to music, but I don't like w \_\_\_\_\_ TV.