



Keeping your child motivated — without pressure

How to keep Arabic feeling like a gift, not a chore.

● **Praise the effort, not the talent**

"You worked hard on those letters" tends to build more staying power than "you're so clever". Effort praise gives your child something they control — and children who feel in control usually come back for more.

● **Make it social and real**

Arabic sticks when it does something: a video call where they greet Teta themselves, ordering at the Lebanese bakery, a voice note to a cousin. One real moment a month can be worth more than a stack of drills.

● **Hand over some choices**

Which game tonight, the word search or the scramble? Which topic next, animals or food? Small choices give a sense of ownership, and ownership is quietly one of the strongest motivators children have.

● **Connect Arabic to what they already love**

Football fan? Learn the words for ball and goal. Loves baking? Name the ingredients in Arabic. When the language attaches to an existing passion, practice stops feeling like a separate subject.

● **Skip the comparisons**

Cousins who speak fluently, a sibling who learns faster — comparisons tend to deflate rather than motivate. Each child's pace is their own; progress against their OWN last month is the only score worth mentioning.

● **If the spark fades**

Dips are normal, especially around school pressure. Shrink the load before pausing it, and tell us — your tutor can lean into your child's interests, and a small change of topic often does more than a pep talk.

