Fatima at the Market

Read the story slowly first, then check the new words and answer the questions.

فَاطِمَةُ فِي السُّوقِ

فَاطِمَةُ بِنْتٌ لَطِيفَةٌ. تَسْكُنُ فِي بَيْتٍ قَرِيبٍ مِنَ السُّوقِ.

فِي الصَّبَاحِ تَذْهَبُ فَاطِمَةُ إِلَى السُّوقِ مَعَ أُمِّهَا.

فِي السُّوقِ فَوَاكِهُ وَخُضَارٌ كَثِيرَةٌ.

تَرَى فَاطِمَةُ تُفَّاحًا أَحْمَرَ وَمَوْزًا أَصْفَرَ.

تَقُولُ فَاطِمَةُ لِلْبَائِعِ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ، أُرِيدُ تُفَّاحًا مِنْ فَضْلِكَ».

يَقُولُ الْبَائِعُ: «وَعَلَيْكُمُ السَّلَامُ! تَفَضَّلِي يَا بِنْتِي».

تَشْتَرِي فَاطِمَةُ كِيلُو تُفَّاحٍ وَتَدْفَعُ الْمَالَ.

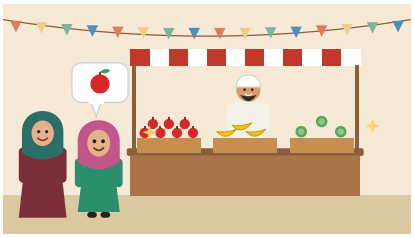
تَرْجِعُ فَاطِمَةُ مَعَ أُمِّهَا إِلَى الْبَيْتِ وَتَأْكُلُ تُفَّاحَةً حُلْوَةً.

تَقُولُ فَاطِمَةُ: «الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، التُّفَّاحُ لَذِيذٌ جِدًّا!»

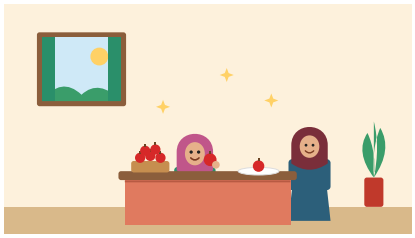
Story pictures



1. In the morning Fatima walks to the market with her mother.



2. At the market Fatima politely asks the seller for apples.



3. At home Fatima eats a sweet apple.

Vocabulary | المُفْرَدَات

Arabic	Transliteration	English
بِنْتٌ	bint	girl
لَطِيفَةٌ	laṭīfa	kind, nice
تَسْكُنُ	taskun	she lives
قَرِيبٌ	qarīb	near
سُوقٌ	sūq	market
تَذْهَبُ	tadhhab	she goes
أُمُّهَا	ummuhā	her mother
فَوَاكِهُ	fawākih	fruits
خُضَارٌ	khuḍār	vegetables
كَثِيرَةٌ	kathīra	many
تَرَى	tarā	she sees
تُفَّاحٌ	tuffāḥ	apples
أَحْمَرُ	aḥmar	red
مَوْزٌ	mawz	bananas
أَصْفَرُ	aṣfar	yellow
تَقُولُ	taqūl	she says
بَائِعٌ	bā'i‘	seller
أُرِيدُ	urīd	I want
مِنْ فَضْلِكَ	min faḍlika	please
تَفَضَّلِي	tafaḍḍalī	here you are (to a girl)
تَشْتَرِي	tashtarī	she buys
تَدْفَعُ	tadfa‘	she pays
مَالٌ	māl	money
تَرْجِعُ	tarji‘	she returns
تَأْكُلُ	ta'kul	she eats
حُلْوَةٌ	ḥulwa	sweet
لَذِيذٌ	ladhīdh	delicious
جِدًّا	jiddan	very

Grammar note | مُلَاحَظَةٌ نَحْوِيَّةٌ

> In Story 1, verbs starting with يَـ meant “he”. Now look at the verbs in this story: **تَسْكُنُ، تَذْهَبُ، تَرَى، تَشْتَرِي، تَأْكُلُ**. They all begin with تَـ. This is the present tense (الفِعْل المُضَارِع) for “she”. Compare: يَذْهَبُ أَحْمَدُ = Ahmad goes, تَذْهَبُ فَاطِمَةُ = Fatima goes.

Comprehension questions | أَسْئِلَةُ الفَهْمِ

1. أَيْنَ تَذْهَبُ فَاطِمَةُ فِي الصَّبَاحِ؟

(Where does Fatima go in the morning?)

2. مَاذَا تَرَى فَاطِمَةُ فِي السُّوقِ؟

(What does Fatima see in the market?)

3. مَاذَا تَقُولُ فَاطِمَةُ لِلْبَائِعِ؟

(What does Fatima say to the seller?)

4. كَيْفَ التُّفَّاحُ؟

(How are the apples?)

Answers

1. تَذْهَبُ فَاطِمَةُ إِلَى السُّوقِ.

(She goes to the market.)

2. تَرَى تُفَّاحًا أَحْمَرَ وَمَوْزًا أَصْفَرَ.

(She sees red apples and yellow bananas.)

3. تَقُولُ: «أُرِيدُ تُفَّاحًا مِنْ فَضْلِكَ».

(She says: “I want apples, please.”)

4. التُّفَّاحُ لَذِيذٌ جِدًّا.

(The apples are very delicious.)

Practice tip

Read the story aloud three times with the vowels. Then read it again without looking at the vowel marks, and finally cover the English column of the vocabulary table and test yourself.

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