

Workshop: Text types in Arabic

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Most Arabic language textbooks designed to teach Arabic as a foreign language give priority to certain types of texts, especially the informative and expository. This approach does not provide students with the proficiency needed to deal with all types of texts. In addition, many teachers lack the ability to design and select their own teaching materials, which can be of great help to students and conform with the Standards of teaching Arabic language. In this workshop, the presenter will work with teachers to achieve the following objectives:

- **Identifying the different types of texts;**
- **Identifying the main characteristics of each types;**
- **Identifying different literary texts;**
- **Identifying the standards of selecting different types of texts; and**
- **Using different types of texts in teaching proper.**

Outcomes:

At the end of the workshop, teachers will be able to:

- Design their own materials that reflect reality**
- **Set standards for selecting the proper materials**
- **Teach their students the proper strategies to deal with each text type**
- **Assess their students' progress against these types.**

Procedures and activities

- **Introductory activity (the whole group)**
- **Discussion about the text types**
- **Group activities**
- **Individual activities**

Teachers will be given different kinds of texts to work on them with their respective groups to achieve the goals set for the workshop.

Who should attend?

Arabic language coordinators and teachers of Arabic at regular and week-end schools.