

English on the air

الانجليزية على الهواء

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Comprehension

فهم

Today's Reading:

- **Romans 12: 1-2:** So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

قراءة اليوم:

- رومية 12: 1-2: لذلك أتوسل إليكم أيها الإخوة، نظرا لمراحم الله، أن تقدموا له أجسادكم ذبيحة مقدسة مقبولة عنده، وهي عبادتكم بعقل. ولا تتكيفوا مع هذا العالم، بل تغيروا بتجديد الذهن، لتمييزوا ما هي إرادة الله الصالحة المقبولة الكاملة.

Vocabulary

مفردات ومعاني

Culture / ثقافة

Cultured	مثقّف	Cultural stereotypes	الأفكار النمطية الثقافية
Belief	اعتقاد أو إيمان	Cultural diversity	تنوّع ثقافي
Ethics	الأخلاقيات	Cultural misconceptions	مفاهيم ثقافية مغلّوطة
Values	قيم	Racial	عرقِيّ
Culturally acceptable	مقبول ثقافياً	Ritual	طقس
Cultural conflicts	تضارب ثقافي	History	تاريخ

Grammar

القواعد

Modals of Polite Request: Would you, Could you, Will you, Can you

- Modal verbs are helping/auxiliary verbs that express ideas like **ability**, **permission**, and **asking for assistance**. Many modal verbs have more than one meaning. They are always followed by the simple form of a verb. For example:
 - ***Could you help me for a minute, please?***

This shows that the speaker is asking for help politely.

Ask a question:

- To ask questions in a very polite way, use: Would you/ Could you (please) + simple verb + ...? For example:
 - Would you please email that document to me? I need it ASAP*. (as soon as possible)
 - Could you explain that again, please? I didn't understand.

Ask a question:

- To ask questions in a **polite but more casual way**, say: **Will you/ Can you** (please) + simple verb + ...? For example:
 - *Will you please answer the phone? I'm working.*
 - *Can you hold my books for me? My hands are full.*

Ask a question:

- **We do not use the word “may”** in a polite question when “you” is the subject. For example:
 - *May you please close the door?* -> Wrong!
 - *Could you please close the door?* -> Right!
- The word “please” makes the request more polite and less direct.

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
A penny for your thoughts.	This phrase is just a way of someone asking you what you are thinking about.
A watched pot never boils.	When you constantly check on something, it seems it just takes longer. Thus, this phrase means to be patient, and keep yourself occupied while you wait for something. "Bader kept checking his emails for his job acceptance, but you know a watched pot never boils."

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
Break A Leg.	<p>If someone tells you to break a leg, they aren't wishing injury on you. They are simply wishing you good luck.</p> <p>"Break a leg at your job interview today."</p>
Don't burn your bridges	<p>If you "burn a bridge", you would be ruining a relationship or opportunity. Thus, if you were quitting a job, one may say, "Just don't burn your bridges." Which would mean, do it in a way that doesn't ruin the relationship.</p>