

Our Language, Our Identity

I am working on designing a children's book to raise awareness about Arabic language. It is clear that our language is losing its importance in the Arabic world because of other languages taking over. Arabic is now the third most spoken language in the UAE. Please help me learn more about your knowledge in Arabic by taking a few minutes to fill in this survey. Thank you!

1) What is your age?

Under 18

2 (11.1%)

18-21

9 (50.0%)

22-25

4 (22.2%)

Over 25

3 (16.7%)

2) What is your gender?

Male

3 (16.7%)

Female

15 (83.3%)

3) What is your nationality?

4) Which of the following school system are you currently enrolled in, or graduated from?

Private school

17 (94.4%)

Public school

0 (0.0%)

Other (Please Specify):

1 (5.6%)

5) What is your mother language?

Arabic

18 (100.0%)

English

0 (0.0%)

I don't know

0 (0.0%)

Other

0 (0.0%)

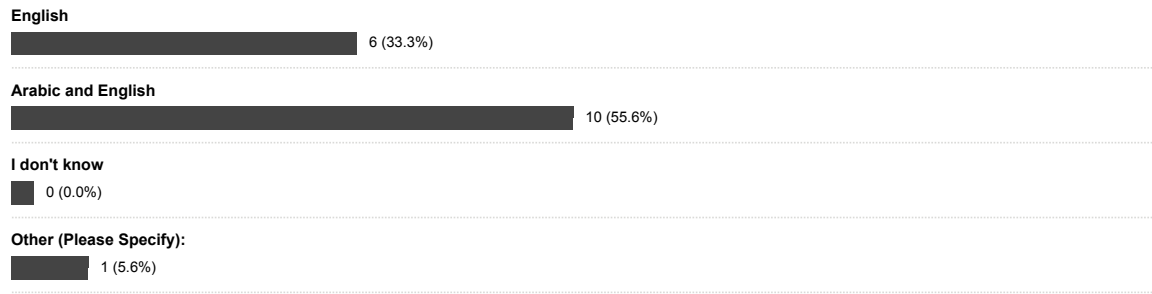
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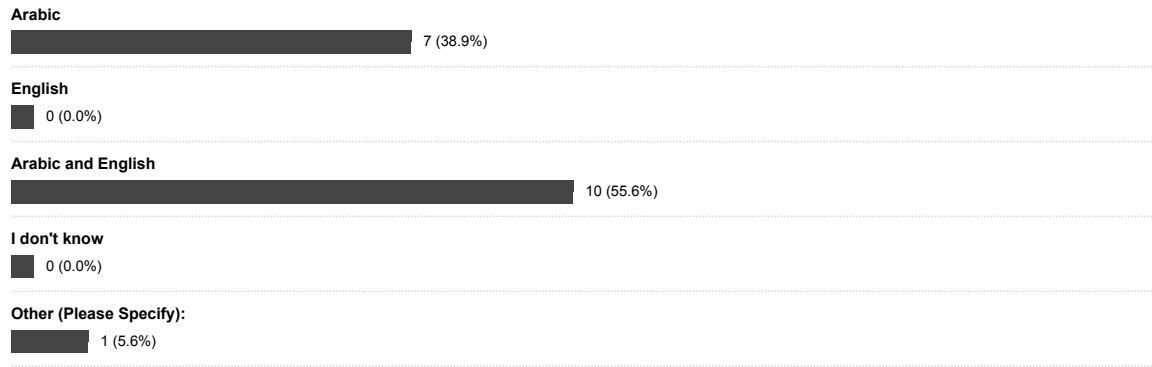
6) What language do you think in?

Arabic

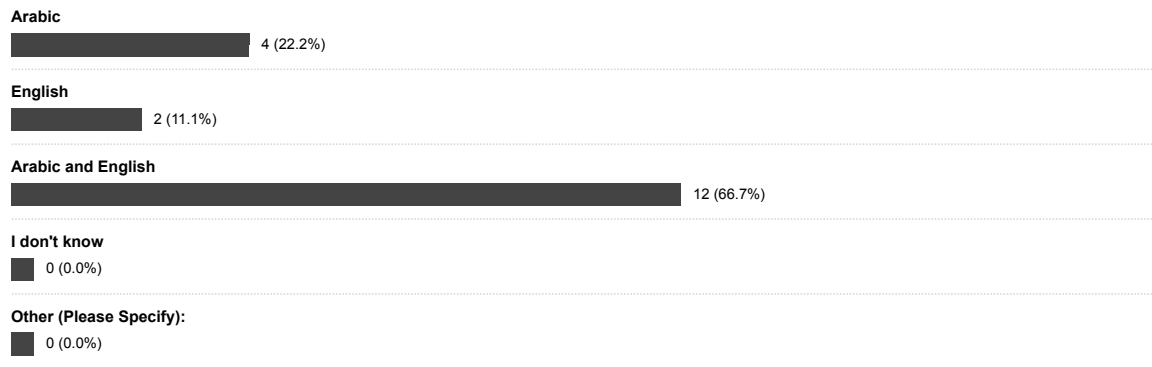
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7) What language do you usually speak with your family?



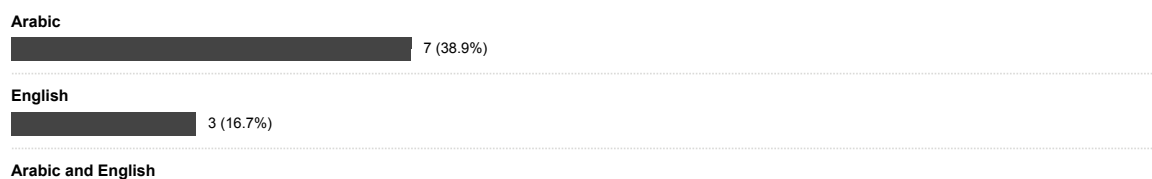
8) What language do you usually speak with your friends?



9) How would you rate your fluency in:

	1 Weakest	2	3	4	5 Strongest	Responses	Average Score
Arabic:	1 (5.56%)	2 (11.11%)	4 (22.22%)	10 (55.56%)	1 (5.56%)	18	3.44 / 5(68.80%)
English:	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (33.33%)	12 (66.67%)	18	4.67 / 5(93.40%)
							4.06 / 5 (81.10%)

10) What language were you spoken to as a child?



[Bar] 7 (38.9%)

I don't know

[Bar] 0 (0.0%)

Other (Please Specify):

[Bar] 1 (5.6%)

11) Which language do you/are you going to speak to your children in?

Arabic

[Bar] 7 (38.9%)

English

[Bar] 0 (0.0%)

Arabic and English

[Bar] 11 (61.1%)

I don't know

[Bar] 0 (0.0%)

Other (Please Specify):

[Bar] 0 (0.0%)

12) If you were asked to speak publicly, which language would you be most comfortable speaking?

Arabic

[Bar] 2 (11.1%)

English

[Bar] 14 (77.8%)

Arabic and English

[Bar] 2 (11.1%)

I don't know

[Bar] 0 (0.0%)

Other (Please Specify):

[Bar] 0 (0.0%)

13) How many Arabic books do you read yearly?

None

[Bar] 13 (72.2%)

1-5

[Bar] 5 (27.8%)

5-10

[Bar] 0 (0.0%)

More than 10

[Bar] 0 (0.0%)

14) How many English books to you read yearly?

None

[Bar] 5 (27.8%)

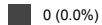
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[Bar] 8 (44.4%)

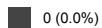
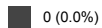
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15) Are you concerned about the conservation of the Arabic language?

Yes**No****I don't know**

16) Would you help to preserve the language?

Yes**No****I don't know**

17) What actions would you take?

-Teach it to my children haha I think that's enough

-By increasing the use of Arabic language first at home, schools, universities, hospitals, public and private work sector. .ect

-Change the curriculum in schools

-Increase Arabic subjects and extracurricular activities in schools, more Quran lessons.

-Give the arabic language the same attention english is given

-Fun movies

-I'd put a rule with friends to speak arabic only

-I would make sure to strengthen my arabic by using it as my main language instead of relying on english in my daily life, and make sure that the people around me do the same.

-Strengthening the Arabic language of my children and future generations

-The English language I believe is growing more and more in our country. I think tourism has a lot to do with it. Many people come to our country and we implement English more for them. But we see a country like Japan for example. One of the most visited countries in the world yet they held on to their language. Like they consider their language something that they care about because it is unique and special to them. We should let the younger generation feel that commitment. It's not just the language that is swaying its most of our cultures and traditions. Though I may have grown up with them. Most of the kids of this generation dont know a lot. Schools try to get them interested but that is not the way. A way to fix this might be to like have days in popular places with an event al related to our culture and language. The more tourist get to know it, the more they get interested by it. Then it won't be that distant. Anyway that is just my opinion on this matter I hope it helped-

-Enforce more arabic reading and writing at schools

-Make Arabic language mandatory for everyone living in the UAE.

-Ever since we were children we were spoken to in english, whether it was a private or public school, english is a very dominant language. If every parent and elderly made it clear to children that arabic is their dominant language and not arabic and child will grow up mastering arabic. No flyers nor campaigns will make people be better in their own language. a change will only occur if the person him/herself really want to make a change and be better in their mother tongue LOVE YOU RAWDHA NATHARA

-Raise awareness on the importance of the Arabic language. Teach it to my children as a basic spoken language. Encourage myself and my family to read more Arabic books. Read classic Arabic poetry.

-Spread awareness and importance of preserving the language for future generations