

## Conversation: I want to..

In Arabic, like English we can create expressions like: *I want to listen to music.* Or *I like to listen to music.* Like English, these are in the present tense and need insertion of the word *to* between the two verbs.

In Arabic, we do this by using the filler particle **أن**. This is shown below. Notice that the verb following **أن** gets a fat-Ha.

e.g **أريدُ أن أسمعَ الموسيقى.**  
I want **to** listen to music.

### 1. Read these expressions and use them in a conversation.

- Meeting new friends / introducing yourself
- Going to a restaurant
- Ordering
- Talking about your likes and dislikes
- Commenting on the food / restaurant
- Greetings and going home.



#### Word bank:

مطعم > mat'am restaurant  
أكل > akl food

**NB: To create a negative statement like (I do not drink coffee), put لا in front of the verb.**

أريدُ أن...  
I want to  
أَكَل  
eat  
أَشْرَب  
drink  
أَطْلُبُ  
order  
أُدْفَعُ  
pay  
أَذْهَبُ  
go  
أُحِبُّ أن...  
I like/love to  
أَقْرَأُ  
read  
أُشَاهِدُ الأفلام  
I watch films  
أَسْمَعُ الموسيقى  
listen to music  
أُسَافِرُ  
travel  
أُمَارِسُ الرِّيَاضَةَ  
play sports  
لا أريدُ أن...  
I don't want to  
لا أُحِبُّ أن...  
I don't like/love