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Words & Phrases

JORDAN

The official language spoken in Jordan is Arabic. Visit the following website to click on some words and hear the pronunciation: <http://www.sudairy.com/arabicphrases.html>

| ENGLISH | ARABIC |
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| God | Allah |
| father | ab |
| mother | um |
| hello | marhaba |
| Good morning | Sabah alkhair |
| Good night | Leila Sa-eeda |
| please | min fadlak |
| day | yom |

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| one | wahid |
| two | ithnan |
| three | thalatha |
| four | arba'a |
| five | khamisa |
| six | sitta |
| seven | sab'ah |
| eight | thamaniya |
| nine | tis'a |
| ten | 'ashra |

Children's Games

You'll find many similarities among the games of different countries. No matter where they're from, kids enjoy the same types of games.

Five Stones

This game requires two players and five small stones. Anything small can be used in place of the stones. In Jordan, sheep knuckle bones are often used.

The players takes turns. The stones are set on the ground or on a table nearby. One player takes one stone and throws it into the air. While the stone is in the air, he tries to grab one of the other stones with the same hand, then catch the falling stone, again with the same hand.

He repeats this process until he fails to catch a stone or has snatched up all four stones. Then it's the other player's turn.

VARIATIONS: Each time a stone is picked up, it is set aside while the player repeats the process until all stones have been picked up and set aside. Or he can keep all the stones in his hand. Each time he tosses one stone in the air, he must snatch up a new stone without dropping the others in his hand.

For a more difficult version, the player must snatch up two stones from the ground before catching the tossed stone.