

Warm Up

The topic of this listening conversation is _____

Consider the following questions:

1. When is it appropriate to interrupt?
2. How do you interrupt appropriately?
3. Do you think speakers of Arabic interrupt each other more often or less often than English speakers do?

Listening Activity 1

Keep a tally of the number of interruptions that occur in a segment of phone conversation. Use the box here to make tick marks.

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Listening Activity 2

Your instructor will give you some appropriate Arabic phrases for interrupting another speaker. List them here:

Listening Activity 3

Listen to another segment of the phone conversation. How do speakers “hold the floor” when they are interrupted? Is this different or the same in English? List some floor holding strategies here:
