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This is one sentence of Spanish that I learned to say...
"mas despacio por favor!" <g>

Kathy

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"Barbara Carlson" <bbarclson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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My Arabic teacher told me my handwriting was better than his—so did a visitor to our farm from Egypt.

The reason I studied Arabic was that I wanted to be able to name my horses authentic Arabic names, and be able to write them in Arabic script on their stall nameplates, and I did learn enough to be able to do that. It is also a language with a very rich vocabulary. I did progress to the point of being able to read Arabic script, but not really understand what I was reading. I have a terrible memory for vocabulary—had the same problem with Spanish when I studied it (3 years) in school. I haven't done anything with the Arabic for 20 years, but my Spanish is better, living where I do, because I hear it all the time, and there are several Spanish TV stations and radio stations. Trouble is they speak too fast. I can often get the "gist" of a conversation, but I could get myself in trouble!

Barb C.

"Kathycarp" <kathycarp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Last Sunday I was at Starbucks, and man at the next table was typing on his laptop. Of course, being the nosy person that I am I looked at his screen... He was typing in Arabic and the "words" were going right to left. It looked so cool (I think Arabic is a very "pretty" written language) that I wanted to just stare at his screen, but social correctness came over me and I looked away. <g>

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I have a necklace that I bought in Egypt that is my name in Arabic. I think