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Queen of the Ivy Leagues

Have you thought about going to college when you get older? Amina Mabizari did also. To her amazement, she was accepted into seven of the most famous universities in America! These well-known schools are called the Ivy League Schools.

But school for Amina wasn't always sweet. When she was in kindergarten, she had difficulty reading. She struggled so hard with reading that the teacher called Amina's mother to have a meeting with her. The teacher explained to her that Amina was the lowest performing student in class.

Amina's mother had three other children to take care of, but that didn't stop her from trying her best to help Amina excel in class. Amina's mother had another problem, too—she could barely speak English. Amina's mother began working on her own English. Amina's mother spent day after day reading to Amina and reviewing the sounds of the alphabet. At the end of the school year, Amina's mother received another message from the kindergarten teacher. Amina was now the best student in class!

Amina says, "Never give into this idea that you are in any way less than someone from a different area. You are just as capable as anyone else."

A+ for Arabic

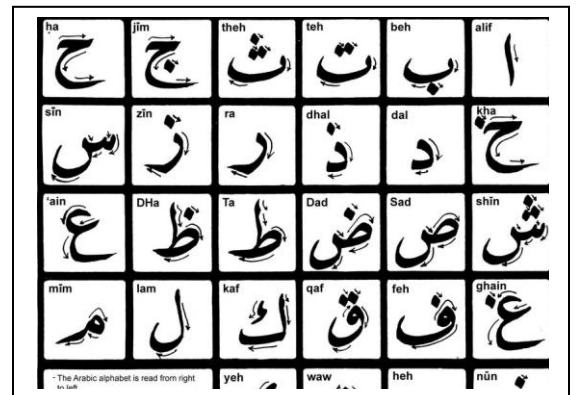
Arabic is the main language to over 200 million people across the world! That's just as a first language, which is the main language that a person speaks. More than 200 million more people across the world speak Arabic as a second language. A second language is an additional language that a person speaks which is not their main language but is used because that is the language spoken around that person. For Muslims, Arabic is a second language to many because we use it when reading Quran and learning more about our religion.

Hey! Did you know Arabic is the fastest growing language in America? Pretty cool, isn't it? You probably didn't know this, though. Many English words actually came from Arabic. Here are just a few: algebra, sugar, sesame, rice, lemon, mascara, magazine, chemistry, giraffe, and cotton.

Wow! Isn't it great to speak Arabic?



"There is nothing for man except what he strives for" (Quran 53:39)



"We have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an so you people may understand / use reason" (Quran 12:2)