

LINES	HOST
You may already know from the section on the definite article that using it with a noun makes the noun specific. Thus, the word كتاب can refer to any book. Whereas the word الكتاب refers to a specific book. The definite article in Arabic is pronounced 'el' and is prefixed to a noun. However, before certain sounds, the article assimilates to them. Please read the section in this lesson. For example, the word for classroom is pronounced as follows:	Female
صف صف	Male
Here's how it is pronounced with the definite article 'el'.	Female
الصف الصف	Male
There is no 'el' sound here because it has assimilated to the صاد. One of a group of assimilating sounds in Arabic resulting in a double صاد which stands for the first letter of the noun plus the assimilated 'el' of the article. Thus, a double consonant in a word following همزة tells you that the word is definite with an article. In Arabic you may express the meaning of 'beside' or 'next to' by the following adverb. Listen and repeat during the pause.	Female
بجانب بجانب	Male
How do you say 'next to' or 'beside'?	Female
بجانب بجانب	Male
Do you remember the word for 'book'?	Female
كتاب كتاب	Female
How do you say 'the book'?	Female
الكتاب الكتاب	Female
Do you remember the word for 'notebook'?	Female
دفتر دفتر	Male
Say 'the notebook'.	Female
الدفتـر الدفتـر	Male