

# COMMON WORDS AND PHRASES

Tamazight or Berber is still the language of the indigenous people of Morocco...The official languages are Arabic and Tamazight, but Morocco has a distinctive Arabic dialect called Darija that is widely spoken throughout the country. While most of the words find their root in Standard Arabic, some words are borrowed from Tamazight, Spanish Portuguese, and French.

**Azul:** Hello in Tamazight/ Berber

**Salam Alaikom/Salam:** Hello/ 'peace be upon you'.

**Wa alaikum Salam:** Response to Salam Alaikom

**Shokran-** Merci [French]: Thank you

**Tanmirt:** Thank you in Tamazight

**Bla Jmil:** You are welcome

**Fumya:** You are welcome in Tamazight

**Bismellah:** In the name of Allah ( said before beginning anything)

**Al-hamdu-lillah:** I'm fine (literally, Praise be to god, used after finishing anything)

**SmeH liya:** Pardon [French]: Sorry

**La Ysahel:** might god make it easy on you (commonly said to beggars to keep them away)

**Afak:** Please

**Bslama:** Good bye

**Sabbah lkhir:** good morning

**Msa lkhir:** good night

**Wakha:** OK

**La:** No

**Iyeh:** Yes

**Labas?:** How are you?

**Labas:** I'm fine (yes, the response is the same as the question)

**Feen...?:** Where is...?

**Shahal taman/C'est combien?:** (French) How much (price?)

**Inshallah:** God Willing

**Biss'ha:** Literally, to your health. Enjoy (your meal). Said to people after eating, drinking, showering, or anything that would improve their physical, mental, or emotional health.

**Lay tekss'ha:** May God give you (health)

**Biss'ha:** In response