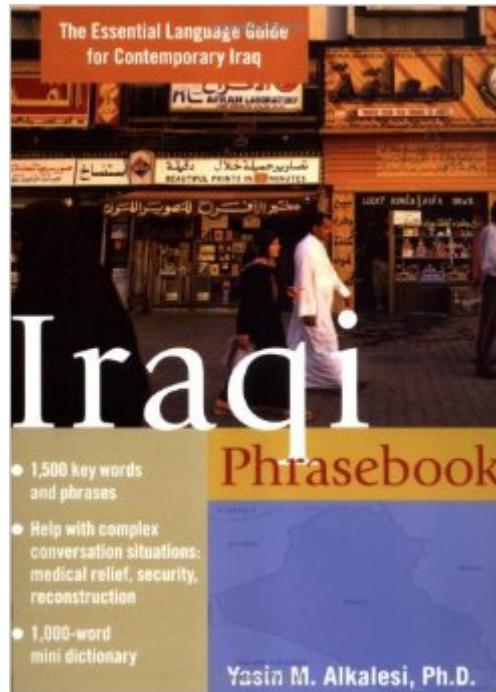


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# Iraqi Phrasebook : The Complete Language Guide For Contemporary Iraq



- 1,500 key words and phrases.
- Help with complex conversation situations: medical relief, security, reconstruction
- 1,000-word mini dictionary

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## Synopsis

The only language guide of its kind, the Iraqi Phrasebook provides you with the Iraqi-Arabic phrases you'll need to communicate effectively in general travel, medical, and security situations, as well as with ordinary Iraqis on the street. The book: Separates content by topic Focuses on conversational language Presents Arabic phrases in easy-to-read transliteration Features phrases addressing needs of military, aid, business, and construction personnel

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