

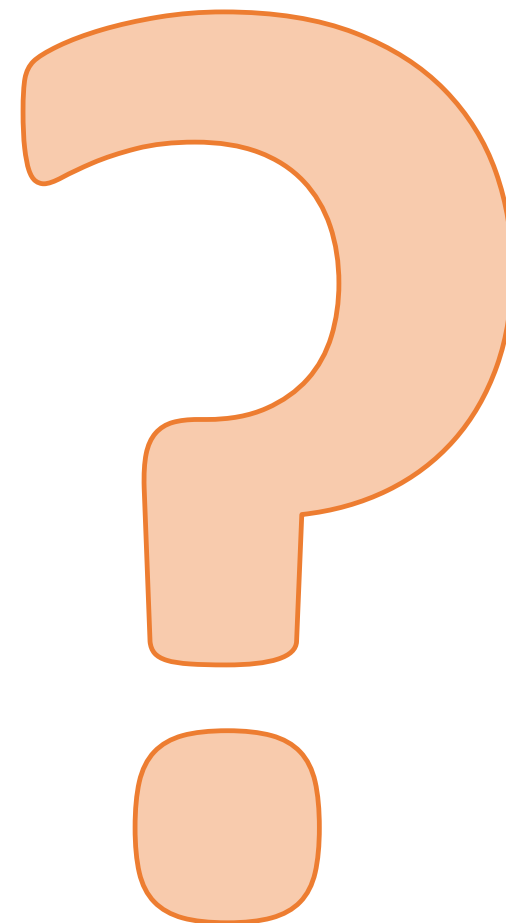
Unit : Three
**The culture and traditions of
the UAE**

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Objectives:

1. To talk about Nabati poetry.
2. To learn new words and use them correctly.
3. To read a text for specific information.
4. To listen to a poem for specific information.



Key vocabulary:

chant, entertaining, rhythm,
recite, campfire, pass down ,
settle a dispute, play a role



chant

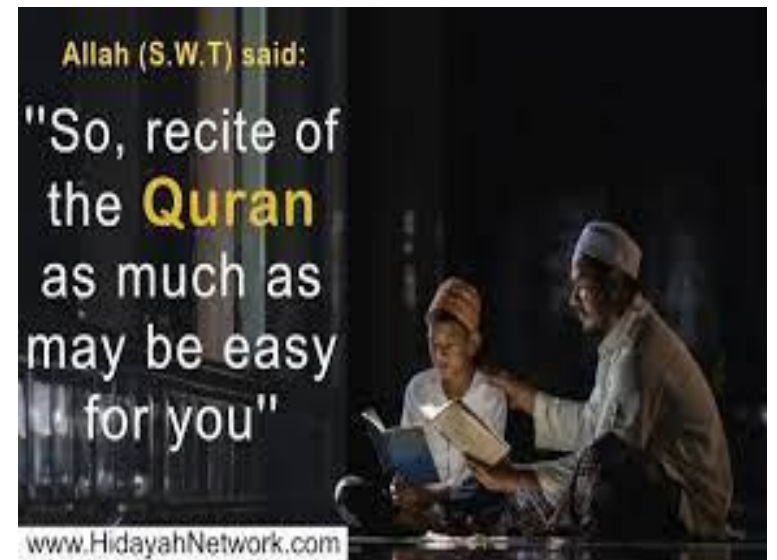


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entertaining



rhythm



recite



campfire



play a role



settle a dispute



pass down

Warming Up



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Lessons 12–13 Nabati poetry

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Reading

1 Read the text. What is special about Nabati poetry?

Nabati poetry, also known as 'Bedouin poetry' and 'the people's poetry', goes back as far as the 16th century.

The poems are based on personal experience and the reality of everyday life.

Nabati poems are spoken and have been passed down in this way through generations.

The poetry is a cultural tradition which is unique to the Gulf Area. During certain historical periods, the Nabati poems were the only record of events.

The style of the poetry is simple and direct, and has a strong dialect which is a little different from classical Arabic.

HH Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum began composing Nabati poetry as a young boy, and his love of

Nabati poetry continues today. Through his greatly admired poetry, he has been able to promote the cultural heritage of the UAE. Nabati poetry is very popular and competitions are held annually, offering large prizes to the best poets.





Did you know?

Did you know that more than 206 million people all over the world speak the Arabic language?

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2 Read the text and complete the sentences.

- 1** Nabati poetry is also known as 1 'Bedouin poetry' and 'the people's poetry'
- 2** The poems are based on 2 personal experience and the reality of everyday life.
- 3** Nabati poems have been passed down through generations because they 3 are a cultural tradition.
- 4** Nabati poetry was important in certain periods of history because 4 the poems were the only record of events.
- 5** HH Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum 5 began composing Nabati poetry as a young boy.

Listening



- 3  21st Listen to the Nabati poem by HH Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. What is the poem about? Underline the words that rhyme.

It's about the UAE and what makes it the happiest nation on earth



أَسْعَدُ شَعْبُ

شَعْبِنَا أَسْعَدُ شُعُوبَ الْأَرْضِ دَوْمَ
بِالْكَرَامَةِ وَالشَّرَفِ عَاشَ إِمْحَشُومَ
يَوْمَ حَوْلِهِ أَغْلَبَ النَّاسَ إِبْهَمُومَ
وَمَادَرَى بِالْخَوْفِ وَأَطْفَالُهُ سَلُومَ
وَلَا انْهَضَمَ حَقُّهُ إِذَا الْغَيْرُ إِمْهَضُومَ
لَهُ خَلِيفُهُ مَحْتَسِبٌ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمَ
مِنْ عَهْدِ زَايِدَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْحِسَابِ
فِي فَرْحٍ مَا نَقْصَهُ حَدُّ بَعْتَابِ
مَادَرَى بِالْهَمِّ مَحْفُوظَ الْجَنَابِ
وَلَا حِسَبٌ فِي يَوْمٍ لِلْحَاجَةِ حِسَابِ
مُورِدُهُ عَذْبٌ إِذَا غَيْرُهُ سَرَابِ
وَكُلُّ مِطْلَبٍ لَهُ عَلَى الْحَاضِرِ مِجَابِ

Vocabulary

nation: land or kingdom
prime: time of greatest fortune
blessed: enjoying good fortune
dignity: pride
admonished: criticised
obstacle: difficulty
justice: fairness
illusions: false dreams
compassionate: caring
duty: responsibility
prosperous: successful

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Happiest Nation



Our people are happy and in their prime,
Since the days of Zayed till the end of time.

Blessed with honor and dignity they thrive,
Admonished by none, they lead a joyous revive.

While some struggle with obstacles and strain,
Our people are sheltered from agony and pain.

Their children wrapped in peace, they do not fear,
For their wishes and desires, they need not shed a tear.

They live in justice, their dreams fulfilled,
Not chasing illusions, their visions instilled.

Led by Khalifa, compassionate and fair,
Wishes are realised, demands met with care.

عَنْ شَعْبِنَا جَتْنَا أَحْلَى الْعُلُومِ
الْحُكُومَةُ لَهُ عَلَى الْوَاجِبِ تَقُومُ
هِيَ شَهَادَةُ حَقٍّ مِنْ رَبِّعٍ وَخُصُومُ
يَعْلُ فَالْخَيْرُ لِبِلَادِي يَدُومُ
أَنَّهُ اسْعَدَ شَعْبَ شِيَابٍ وَشَبَابٍ
وَكُلُّ يَوْمٍ يَنْفُتِحُ لِلْخَيْرِ بَابٌ
وَعَنْ تَعَبِنَا وَجْهَدْنَا أَوْضَحَ جَوَابُ
طَابَ فَالِكُ دَارُنَا بِالْخَيْرِ طَابُ

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Upon hearing what was said, we rejoiced with joy,
That our people are the happiest, be it man or boy.

Fulfilling our duty is a passion we prize,
And every day, an opportunity does rise.

From friends and foes alike, a true confession,
The fruits of our labour leave a lasting impression.

May our land remain prosperous forever more,
While people live happiest embraced in its core.

By HH Sheik Mohammed



Reading

- 4 Write three pairs of rhyming words.

Prime time

Thrive Revive

Strain Pain

- 5 Write your own poem about the UAE. Try to use some rhyming words.

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1 Match the words with a definition.

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|----------------------|----------|--|
| 1 personal | F | a based on true facts or events |
| 2 reality | a | b an account from the past |
| 3 unique | c | c unlike anything else |
| 4 record | b | d an activity where people compete with each other
(for example, a camel race) |
| 5 dialect | h | e greatly respected |
| 6 popular | g | f belonging to a person |
| 7 admired | e | g enjoyed by many people |
| 8 competition | d | h a particular way of speaking |

2 Match the words with a similar meaning.

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|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 dignity | a writing |
| 2 composing | b fair |
| 3 simple | c speech |
| 4 compassionate | d easy |
| 5 dialect | e honour |
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Language tip

A synonym is a word that means the same or nearly the same as another word.

3 Make sentences with the words from Activity 2.

1- Sheikh Mohammad began composing poetry so young

2- you should master the dialect of this region.

3- we teach them with high dignity.



4- writing poetry is not a simple task.

5- they have lot of feeling and emotions like compassionate.

4 Correct these statements about Nabati poetry.

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- 1 Nabati poetry was founded during the 16th century.
- 2 The poems are written by different families. 2 They are handed down from generation to generation.
- 3 The poems use the classical Arabic language. 3 They use a dialect different from classical Arabic.
- 4 Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum composed the poems with young boys. 4 The Sheik began composing as a young boy.
- 5 The Nabati competitions are held twice a year. 5 The competitions are held once a year.
- 6 Nabati poems are common throughout the world. 6 They are unique to the UAE.

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- 5** Imagine you were asked to write a Nabati poem. What themes related to everyday life would you discuss in the poem? What adjectives would you use to describe these themes?

Friendship – loyal, honest, secure.



6 Find the word from this Unit 3.

- 1** To repeat a rhythmic phrase with other people
- 2** A large family
- 3** Ability to face difficult situations
- 4** Wandering from place to place
- 5** To move about without a definite destination
- 6** Grass or pasture
- 7** Traditions and language of a particular culture
- 8** A nomadic Arab of the desert
- 9** An animal found in the desert
- 10** Relating to a social group with the same ancestors, customs and traditions
- 11** A hundred years
- 12** Type of sailing vessel

chant

clan

resilience

nomadic

wander

grazing

heritage

Bedouins

camel

generation

century

dhow

7 Make up your own sentences using five words from Activity 6.

