**Expressing necessity with** لا بد من

This expression is fairly easy to use because you don’t have to conjugate it. It means basically “no escape from” or “no avoiding…” but is used as a polite way of saying something is necessary. It is very flexible, and can be used from everything from “time to go now” or “you must study” to “it’s going to rain”

Let’s look at the basic construction:

لا بد من الموت والضرائب.

*There’s no avoiding death and taxes.*

لا بد من المطر اليوم.

*It’s definitely going to rain today.*

As with other connectors, we use أن to follow this by a verb:

لا بد من أن نذهب إلى الشرطة.

*We have to go to the Police.*

لا بد من أن تشاهد هذا الفيلم.

*You have to see this movie.*

Use ل to tell who or what must do something:

لا بد لطلاب اللغة العربية من أن يدرسون الثقافة العربية.

*It’s necessary for students of Arabic to study Arab culture.*

لا بد للشرق الأوسط من الديموقراطية.

*Democracy is necessary for the Middle East.*