

Blue = Arabic

Black = English Translation

Mar7aba! Kifkon? Ana esme Frances, 3omre tlelte w 3eshreen sene, w ana Filipini. Ana b7eb 8anni, el3ab volleyball w online games, w akid ekol! Halla2, ma 3ende sho8ol w 3adatan ana bl beit min wara el corona. Bas 3ade, ana 3am bistafeed men wa2te w iktiseb mawaheb jdeedeh w Kamen 3am 7afiz 3a sehti min khilel el akel el9e7i w momareset elriyada metl entrepreneurship, 3arabe, w taba5.

Hi! How are you guys? My name is Frances, I am 23 years old, and I am a Filipino. I love singing, playing volleyball and online games, and of course eating! Currently, I am unemployed and I'm just staying at home due to the coronavirus. But, I have been making good use of my time through self-development like eating healthier and working out, and learning new skills like entrepreneurship, Arabic, and cooking.

Ana beskon b manta2aet **Tondo** b 3asmit el Filipin, **Manila**. 3ayish ma3 imme, sitte, mwazafin, w kalbe Nuggets. Mwazafin by3aysho ma3na l2anno byejo men manta2ah b3ideh.

I live in the Tondo district in the capital of the Philippines, Manila City. I live with my mom, grandmother, my employees, and my dog Nuggets. My employees live with us because they come from farther districts.

Beitna 7ad el tari2, el 3am fa tabii3e esma3 buzzing aswat el sobo7 w dohor bl 3aj2ah. Fi ktir mashari3 sghire b 7ayna. Ne7na seknin edem el foron el bibi3 **pandesal** kel sobo7 w **merienda**. **Pandesal** ya3ni Filipini Bread Rolls w henne ktir soft, dusty, w airy, ktiiiiir tayyeb! For a dollar fikon teshtero 25 pieces! 3adatan ne7na nekol **pandesal** ma3 pork liver spread, aw we dip it in coffee aw hot chocolate. **Merienda** el wa2et ben 8adda w 3asha. W kamen beitna ben mat3amen bi bi3o akel beit rkhis bas tayyeb kamen.

My house is by the main road, so it is normal to hear the buzzing sound of the morning and evening rush hour traffic. The neighborhood I live in is filled with small businesses. We live in front of a bakery that sells very good pandesal during mornings and merienda. Pandesal is closest to a bread roll and they are very soft, dusty, and airy, very delicious! You can buy 25 pieces of it for a dollar! We usually have it with pork liver spread, or simply dip it in coffee or hot chocolate. Merienda is the time between lunch and dinner. Also, our house is between two restaurants that serve affordable and delicious home cooked food!

El aklet yelleh b7ebon be holeh el mata3im henne **Lumpiang Shanghai** aw Ground Meat Spring Rolls, **Tortang Giniling** aw Ground Meat Omelet, w **Lechon Kawali** aw Deep Fried Pork Belly.

Some of my favorites are Lumpiang Shanghai (Ground Meat Spring Rolls), Lechon Kawali (Deep Fried

Pork Belly), and Tortang Giniling (Ground Pork Omelet).

Fi ma7al-mat3am b 7ayna esmo **Café Tribu**. Hal ma7al mi5tas b freeze blends, tea coolers, w ahwe so5ne aw berde. Kamen, fi ktir anwe3 akel! Ana b7eb hal meal esmo **"Abusado Meal"** w fio ma3karone, sha2eften fried chicken, hungarian sausage, w garlic bread. Kel aklet b **Café Tribu** freshly cooked the best part l meal ar5as men 5 dollars! Fi ktir akel bl sa7en, lezem o2somon ben 8adda w 3asha. For a refresher, I order Peach Green Tea Cooler. The sweet taste of peach and faint bitter taste of green tea is perfect to balance the hearty meal.

There is a café/restaurant in my area named Café Tribu. The café specializes in freeze blends, tea coolers, hot and cold coffee. On top of that, there are plenty of food choices! My favorite is called the Abusado Meal, which consists of any pasta of my choice, two pieces of fried chicken, hungarian sausage, and garlic bread. What is good about it is that it's freshly cooked. The best part is it's less than 5 dollars! There is so much on the plate, I must divide it between lunch and dinner. For a refresher, I usually order the Peach Green Tea Cooler. The sweet taste of peach and the faint bitter taste of the green tea is perfect to balance the hearty meal.

Ne7na seknin be manta2a estratejeye fi 7adna kel shi men3ozo men m7atat benzin la mata3em metel Mcdonalds. Eza badna net2arab men el 2ileh fi 7adna knise 3omra 449 sene w 7ad le knise fi 3enna 7adi2a 3amme fina nru7 nshem hawa w l3alam honik ktir mne7 w ktir nafseyeton taybe. Ba3ed sher3en men el park fi market men akbar el market b Filipin esma **Divisoria**. Noss l shareket betjib lmawed l2awaleye men hal lmarket w l3alam be7ebowa ktir l2anno betle2e fiya kel shi bet3ozo w ktir as3aron mni7a.

I live in a commercial area, we have gasoline stations and fast-food restaurants around like McDonald's. A few minutes' walk from our house, you will see a 449-year-old church. Around it, there are more fast-food restaurants and a plaza for recreational activities and vendors. From there, you just have to go through two streets, and you will get to one of the country's biggest wet and dry markets called Divisoria. Most businesses get raw materials from this market, and the locals love it too because you will find the cheapest goods here! It is the place to bargain.

Fi shi ktir b7ebo 3an 7ayna w howe ljiran. El jiran ktir mne7 w hene dayman jehzin yse3dok be 7ayala shi. Be 8er mojtama3at bel modon le kbire ma betle2e hal lna5we 3and l3alam. Fa 3anjad ana ktir b2adder ljiran w be7teremon. Fi great concern la kel wa7ad. Fikon trou7o outside w have your neighbor watch over your belongings aw hatta your children, henne ra7 take care of them metl their own. Lamma 7adan celebrating milestone whether kbir aw s8ir, kel beit 3andon ways of celebrating w deyman fi karaoke. L nes hon ktir karimin regardless of their social status. It's just how our community is! Fi 7ob w kindness, w I would not have it any other way.

One thing I like about our neighborhood is the great sense of community. In bigger cities, most people live for themselves but in simple communities, you are a piece of the whole. There is great concern for one another. You can go somewhere else and have your neighbor watch over your belongings or even

your children, and they will take care of them like their own. When someone is celebrating a milestone whether big or small, every household has their own ways of celebrating, and there will always be karaoke. People are generous regardless of their social status. Even those who do not have a lot will give you food on their birthday, it is just how it is in our community! There is love and kindness, and I would not have it any other way.

Men Matar [Ninoy Aquino International](#), fikon trou7o 3ala 7ayna eza bterkabo two [jeepney](#) rides. [Jeepneys](#) metl bus s8ir w henne ktir ma3roufin w ar5as men kel mode of transport bil Filipin! Fikon tefro any where for as low as 20 to 40 cents. 3ende little bit of trivia, the first [jeepneys](#) bl Filipin were by-products of the US military jeep scraps men el World War II. Filipiniyye have turned el [jeepneys](#) men scraps to livelihood through their ingenuity. Lyom, ento ra7 tshoufo ktir [jeepneys](#) 3ala kel tari2 w kel wa7ad is a piece of art. El art style enno is personally chosen by the jeepney driver, w 3adatan they design it ma3 souret 3aylton. It tells you how family oriented we are as a society.

From the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, you can get to our neighborhood by two jeepney rides. Jeepneys are like small buses, the cheapest and most popular form of transport in the Philippines! You can get to where you need to go for as low as 20 to 40 cents. A little bit of trivia, the first jeepneys were by-products of US military jeep scraps from World War II. Filipinos have turned these jeepneys from scraps to livelihood through their ingenuity. Today, you will see a flock of jeepneys in every street and each one is a piece of art. The art style is personally chosen by the jeepney driver and is often designed with a portrait of their family. It tells you about how family oriented we are as a society.

[Hayda kel shi. Nshalla tkouno 7abayto 7adarte 2ad ma ana b7eba. Ahla w sahla tzouro Filipin any time w ne7na ra7 nekol sawa.](#)

That is all. I hope you fell in love with my culture just as much as I love it. You are welcome to visit the Philippines any time and we will share a meal together.