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**The Dialectal and Cultural Situation among
Palestinians Living in Refugee Camps in Jordan: A
Sociolinguistic Study**

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Abstract

The paper aims at investigating the dialectal and cultural situation among Palestinians living in Jordan. It also aims at exploring the attitudes towards their ethnic dialect in addition to the factors which lead them to maintain or lose it. The researcher selects a sample of (50) people living in the Irbid refugee camp. The sample covers different people of ages, gender and educational background. The chosen sample of the study was based on availability. The instrument of the study was open-ended interviews to be analyzed later. The results show that Palestinians of Jordan living in Irbid refugee camp are experiencing a shift from their own ethnic dialect towards the Jordanian Arabic dialect called "Horani Dialect" in all domains of life, but most old people above 70 years old keep their own Palestinian dialect "Tirawi's dialect", but the study shows that all Palestinians keep a good amount of the cultural aspects and have positive attitudes towards their ethnic dialect.

Keywords: Language maintenance, Dialect shift, Ethnic dialect, Attitudes, Immigration and Cultural shift.