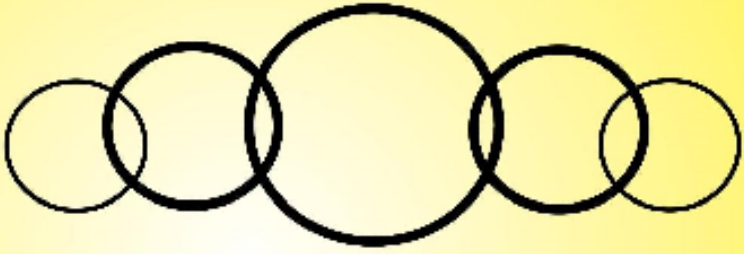
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Introduction

When you study Persian words, you must do more than search for their meaning in a dictionary. You must also learn how to use them correctly in phrases and sentences.

This self-teaching book of 101 most common Persian words for students and travelers provides fingertip access to essential words you need to know in your daily conversation in Persian. This book will help make your work easier. It is a useful book because it provides a quick and easy way to find the most common Persian words and their actual usage. This book focuses on the words most frequently used in Persian. It is appropriate for classroom use or individual study.

The 101 words included here are arranged based on their values and importance. The synonyms, antonyms and examples listed for each of the model words will help you consider other words when expressing yourself in Persian.

Pronunciation Guide

The regular letters used for written Farsi stand for some different sounds. It is usually difficult to tell how a word is pronounced just by looking at how it is spelled. Therefore, it is useful to show the

pronunciation of each word separately, using a system of symbols in which each symbol stands for one sound only. After each verb in this book, the word is given again within two slashes to show its pronunciation.

This book uses a simple spelling system to show how verbs are pronounced, using the symbols listed below.

Symbol	Example	Symbol	Example
a	hat /hat	m	move /muv
â	cut / cât	n	need /nid
ay	time /tâym	o	gorgeous /gorjes
ch	church /church	ô	coat/ côt
d	dog /dâg	u	mood /mud
e	men /men	p	park /pârk
ey	name /neym	r	rise /rais
f	free /fri	s	seven /seven
g	get /get	sh	shut /shât
h	his /hiz	t	train /treyn
i	feet /fit	v	vary /vari
iyu	cute /kiyut	y	yet /yet
j	jeans /jinz	z	zipper /zipper
k	kettle /ketl	zh	measure /mezher/
kh	loch /lakh	‘	تعظیم/ ta’zim
l	loss /lâs		

Persian Alphabet

The Farsi alphabet (الفبای فارسی) consists 32 letters, most of which have two forms, short and full. It is a writing style based on the Arabic script. The Farsi script is entirely written cursively. That is, the majority of letters in a word connect to each other. Some of the letters are similar in shape but differ in the place and number of dots. Some others have the same sound but different shape.

Following is a table showing the Farsi alphabet and how it is pronounced in English. There are also some examples of how those letters would sound if you place them in a word.

The list of Farsi Alphabet letters			فهرست حروف الفبای فارسی		
	Letters	Pronunciation	Sample	Pronunciation	Meaning
1.	الف	Alef	آب	Āb	Water
2.	ب	Be	بابا	Bābā	Father
3.	پ	Pe	پاپ	Pāp	The Pope
4.	ت	Te	تاب	Tāb	Swing
5.	ث	se	اثاث	Āsās	Furniture
6.	ج	Jim	تاج	Tāj	Crown
7.	چ	Che	چای	Chāi	Tea
8.	ح	He	حج	Hāj	Pilgrimage
9.	خ	Khe	خانه	Khaneh	Home
10.	د	Dāl	درد	Dard	Page
11.	ذ	Zāl	جذب	Jazb	Absorption
12.	ر	Re	در	Dar	Door
13.	ز	Ze	میز	Miz	Table
14.	ژ	Zhe	ژاپن	zhāpon	Japan
15.	س	Sin	استاد	Ostād	Professor
16.	ش	Shin	دانشجو	Dāneshjoo	Student
17.	ص	Sād	صد	Sad	Hundred
18.	ض	Zād	وضو	Vozoo	Ablution
19.	ط	Tā	طناب	Tanāb	Rope
20.	ظ	Zā	ظهر	Zohr	Noon
21.	ع	Ein	عدد	Adad	Number
22.	غ	Ghein	شغل	Shoghl	Job
23.	ف	Fe	دفتر	Daftar	Notebook
24.	ق	Ghāf	قهوه	Ghahveh	Coffee
25.	ک	Kāf	کتاب	Ketāb	Book
26.	گ	Gāf	دانشگاه	Dāneshgāh	University
27.	ل	Lam	کلاس	Kelās	Classroom
28.	م	Mim	مات	Māt	Blur
29.	ن	Noon	نان	Nān	Bread
30.	و	Vāv	وان	Vān	Bath
31.	ه	He	ماه	Mah	Moon
32.	ی	ye	نیم	Nim	Water

Guide to use this book

The 101 words included in this book are arranged based on their values and importance. Each word is followed by pronunciation guide, English meaning, synonyms (مترادف), antonyms (متضاد), and three examples to show how the word is used in action. Pronunciation and English meaning are provided for each example.

Persian Words

با

►**Preposition**

/bâ/

with, by, togather

مترادف: همراه/hamrâhe/ بوسیله /bevasileye/ توسط/tavasote/

متضاد: بی /bi/ ، بدون /bedune/

مثال:

- آنها با هم به خانه بر گشتند.

/ânhâ bâ ham be khâne bargashtand/

They came back to home togather.

- دیروز با اتوبوس به دانشگاه رفتم.

/diruz bâ otobus be dâneshgâh raftam/

I went to the university by bus yesterday.

- پسر با قاشق و چنگال غذا می خورد.

/pesar bâ ghâshogh va changâl ghazâ mikhorad.

The boy eats food by spoon and fork.

از

► **Preposition**

/az/

from

مترادف: ———— متضاد: ————

مثال:

- او از من کتاب را گرفت. — S/he took the book.

/u az man ketâb râ gereft/

- از خانه دور شدیم. — I went to the university by bus yesterday.

/az khâne dur shodim/

- از آنها خواستم به اینجا بیایند. — I ask them to come here.

/az ânhâ khâstam be injâ biyâyand/

End of the free sample

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