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Introduction

Detailed illustrated and packed with bilingual lists of vital phrases, this ultimate rapid Persian language learning guide is a perfect take-along for both tourists and business travelers.

Travelers to Persian-speaking countries will find this concise phrasebook a painless and fast way to gain a fundamental grasp of Persian language. It is the simplest way to learn just enough to get by in every situation essential to the travelers.

The book presents words and phrases for greetings and polite expressions, getting around, checking into a hotel, asking directions, shopping, getting help in an emergency, and much more.

Make the most of the spare time on a plane to master the essentials of Persian!

Please let us know how your studies and your trip turn out. We would like to know what part of the book worked for you and how we can make this book better for others. You can reach us via email at info@persiaclub.com.

We all in Persia Club wish you good luck, successful studies, and wonderful travels!

The author

Pronunciation Guide

The regular letters used for written Persian 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. The pronunciations of letters and words are given within two slashes.

This book uses a simple spelling system to show how letters and words 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	‘	تعظيم/ ta’zim
l	loss /lâs		

Persian Alphabet

The Persian 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 Persian 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 Persian 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	Pap	The Pope
4.	ت	Te	تاب	Tāb	Swing
5.	ث	se	اثاث	Asās	Furniture
6.	ج	Jim	تاج	Tāj	Crown
7.	چ	Che	چای	Chāi	Tea
8.	ح	He	حج	Haj	Pilgrimage
9.	خ	Khe	خانه	Khāneh	Home
10.	د	Dal	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	Daneshjoo	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	Fin	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	Mat	Blur
29.	ن	Noon	نان	Nān	Bread
30.	و	Vāv	وان	Vān	Bath
31.	ه	He	ماه	Māh	Moon
32.	ی	ye	نیم	Nim	Water

Basics Words and Phrases		کلمات و عبارتهای اولیه /kalamât va ebârathâye avaliye/
English	**Pronunciation**	**Persian**
Yes	âre - bale	آره - بله
No	na	نه
Please	lotfan	لطفاً
Thank you very much.	kheili mamnoon	خیلی ممنونم
Thank you!	mersi - mamnun	مرسی – ممنون
You're welcome.	khâhesh mikonam	خواهش می کنم
I	man	من
you	to	تو
he , she	u	او
we	mâ	ما
you (formal pl.)	shomâ	شما
it	un	اون
they	unâ (ânhâ)	اونا -آنها
Who?	ki?	کی؟
Why?	cherâ?	چرا؟
What?	chi?	چی؟

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