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# Farsi Language Quickguide

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Master the essentials with the 80/20 method

Based on rapid language acquisition principles

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# How to Use This Guide

This guide is built on one principle: focus on the 20% of Farsi that gives you 80% of the results. Instead of memorizing thousands of words, you will learn the ~100 most frequent words that cover over half of everyday conversation, the core grammar patterns, and ready-to-use conversation scripts.

## Choose Your Path

If your goal is reading and writing Farsi, start with the alphabet on page 3. If you mainly need conversational Farsi – for travel, speaking with family, or everyday use – skip straight to the Top 100 Words. All vocabulary includes phonetic pronunciation so you can learn without the script. You can always come back to the alphabet later.

## The 4-Step Method

- 1 Deconstruction**  
Break Farsi into building blocks: alphabet, pronunciation, verb system.
- 2 Selection (80/20)**  
Learn only the highest-frequency words and patterns first.
- 3 Sequencing**  
Follow the optimal order: greetings 'pronouns 'verbs 'sentences.
- 4 Stakes**  
Use the 30-day challenge (page 15) for daily accountability.

Tip: Don't try to memorize everything at once. Spend 15-20 minutes per day. Use the free lessons at [learnfarsi.app](https://learnfarsi.app) alongside this guide for spaced repetition practice.

# Farsi Alphabet Cheat Sheet

Farsi uses 32 letters, written right-to-left. Each letter has up to 4 forms depending on position.

LETTER	NAME	SOUND	INIT.	MED.	FINAL	EXAMPLE
	Allef	â / a / o	ا	آ	آب	آب (water)
ب	Be	b	ب	ب	باران	باران (rain)
پ	Pe	p	پ	پ	پدر	پدر (father)
ت	Te	t	ت	ت	تهران	تهران (Tehran)
ث	Se	s	ث	ث	ثانی	ثانی (second)
ج	Jim	j	ج	ج	جان	جان (soul / dear)
چ	Che	ch	چ	چ	چای	چای (tea)
ح	He (guttural)	h	ح	ح	حال	حال (condition / mood)
خ	Khe	kh	خ	خ	خوب	خوب (good)
د	Dâl	d	د	د	دوست	دوست (friend)
ذ	Zâl	z	ذ	ذ	ذهن	ذهن (mind)
ر	Re	r	ر	ر	روز	روز (day)
ز	Ze	z	ز	ز	زیبا	زیبا (beautiful)
ژ	Zhe	zh	ژ	ژ	ژاپن	ژاپن (Japan)
س	Sin	s	س	س	سلام	سلام (hello)
ش	Shin	sh	ش	ش	شب	شب (night)

## Essential Verb Conjugations

Farsi verbs follow regular patterns. Learn these 5 core verbs and you can conjugate most others.

### To be

بودن (boodan)

PRONOUN	PRESENT	PAST
man (I)	هستم (hastam)	بودم (boodam)
to (you)	هستی (hasti)	بودی (boodi)
oo (he/she)	است (ast)	بود (bood)
ma (we)	هستیم (hastim)	بودیم (boodim)
shoma (you pl.)	هستید (hastid)	بودید (boodid)
anha (they)	هستند (hastand)	بودند (boodand)

### To have

داشتن (dashtan)

PRONOUN	PRESENT	PAST
man (I)	دارم (daram)	داشتم (dashtam)
to (you)	داری (dari)	داشتی (dashti)
oo (he/she)	دارد (darad)	داشت (dasht)
ma (we)	داریم (darim)	داشتیم (dashtim)
shoma (you pl.)	دارید (darid)	داشتید (dashtid)
anha (they)	دارند (darand)	داشتند (dashtand)

### To go

رفتن (raftan)

PRONOUN	PRESENT	PAST
man (I)	می‌روم (miravam)	رفتم (raftam)
to (you)	می‌روی (miravi)	رفتی (rafti)
oo (he/she)	می‌رود (miravad)	رفت (raft)
ma (we)	می‌رویم (miravim)	رفتیم (raftim)
shoma (you pl.)	می‌روید (miravid)	رفتید (raftid)
anha (they)	می‌روند (miravand)	رفتند (raftand)