



Learning Persian (Farsi)

Persian (Farsi) is the official language of Iran. It is spoken by more than 75 million people, including a sizable population located in the United States and Canada.

Writing System

Persian alphabet

Language Tips

- Persian is written and read from right to left; with the exception of numbers, which are written from left to right.
- In Persian, certain vowels are not usually written. You'll learn to determine the word from the context of the sentence.
- Speakers of Persian will often omit the subject of the sentence. You'll be able to identify who is speaking or who is being spoken about by the form of the verb.
- Placement of stress within a word is important to convey a word's meaning. Don't worry—Rosetta Stone helps you acquire proper pronunciation through exposure to native speech, useful practice, and corrective feedback.
- Most Persian letters change shape depending on whether they occur at the beginning, middle, or end of a word. You'll learn to read and type these different forms in the reading and writing activities. The alphabet section is also available to you for reference.
- To attain the final form of a letter within a word click Shift + Space key after the letter.

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- There is no upper or lower case in Persian.
- In Persian, there are formal and informal ways to address others, depending on the age of the speaker and his or her relationship to the person being addressed.
- Numbers in Persian are written with modified Hindi numerals.
- Persian does not categorize words into masculine and feminine. It also does not have separate words for 'he' and 'she.'
- Persian verbs have many forms of past tense, including a form for an action recently completed and a form for one that has been completed for a long time.

Language Family

Indo-Iranian

Dialect

Modern Iranian Persian, which is the standard dialect officially recognized by the Iranian government and is the dialect used by the media and entertainment industry in Iran. Modern Iranian Persian is the most widely spoken and understood dialect of Persian.

Accent

As spoken in Tehran