

**WELCOME TO ZABAN!**

For beginners in Farsi

# ABOUT ZABAN

- Why ZABAN?
- Some background info
- Class rules/etiquette

## TODAY'S GOALS

- Learn about the Farsi script
- Learn to read and recognize the letters of Farsi
- Learn to pronounce letters that are not present in the English alphabet
- Learn about Farsi vowels/consonants
- Learn numbers in Farsi

## ABOUT THE FARSI SCRIPT

- Unlike English, Farsi is written from right to left
- The numbers are written from left to right, just like English
- Farsi does not have any capital letters
- Long and short vowels in Farsi differ - long vowels are shown by alphabet letters while short vowels are usually not represented
- The Farsi letters have different forms depending on their placement in a word
- The Farsi Alphabet shares many letters with Arabic, Urdu, Azerbaijani, and many other scripts.

THE FARSI  
ALPHABET

Final detached	Final attached	Medial	Initial	Sound	Name	Letter
ا	ا	ا	آ	/ aa /	Aaa	آ
ا	ا	ا	ا	(a)	Alef	ا
ب	ب	ب	ب	/ b /	Bey	ب
پ	پ	پ	پ	/ p /	Pey	پ
ت	ت	ت	ت	/ t /	Tey	ت
ث	ث	ث	ث	/ s /	Sey	ث
ج	ج	ج	ج	/ j /	Jeem	ج
چ	چ	چ	چ	/ ch /	Chey	چ
ح	ح	ح	ح	/ h /	Hey	ح
خ	خ	خ	خ	/ kh /	Khey	خ
د	د	د	د	/ d /	Daal	د
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ	/ z /	Zaal	ذ
ر	ر	ر	ر	/ r /	Rey	ر
ز	ز	ز	ز	/ z /	Zey	ز
ژ	ژ	ژ	ژ	/ zh /	Zhey	ژ
س	س	س	س	/ s /	Seen	س
ش	ش	ش	ش	/ sh /	Sheen	ش

THE FARSI  
ALPHABET (2)

Final detached	Final attached	Medial	Initial	Sound	Name	Letter
ص	ص	ص	ص	/ s /	Saad	ص
ض	ض	ض	ض	/ z /	Zaad	ض
ط	ط	ط	ط	/ t /	Toy	ط
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	/ z /	Zoy	ظ
ع	ع	ع	ع	( ' )	Ayn	ع
غ	غ	غ	غ	/ gh /	Ghayn	غ
ف	ف	ف	ف	/ f /	Fey	ف
ق	ق	ق	ق	/ q /	qaaf	ق
ک	ک	ک	ک	/ k /	Kaaf	ک
گ	گ	گ	گ	/ g /	Gaaf	گ
ل	ل	ل	ل	/ l /	Laam	ل
م	م	م	م	/ m /	Meem	م
ن	ن	ن	ن	/ n /	Noon	ن
و	و	و	و	/ w / / o / / oo /	Waw	و
ه	ه	ه	ه	/ h /	Hey	ه
ء		ء		/ h / - / a /	Hamza	ء
ی	ی	ی	ی	/ y /	Yaa	ی

FARSI CONSONANTS  
SIMILAR TO ENGLISH  
CONSONANTS

ب	b	such as	<b>book</b>
پ	p	such as	<b>parent</b>
ت	t	such as	<b>torch</b>
س	s	such as	<b>slide</b>
ش	sh	such as	<b>show</b>
ج	j	such as	<b>jug</b>
چ	ch	such as	<b>chair</b>
ه	h	such as	<b>happy</b>
د	d	such as	<b>dog</b>
ز	z	such as	<b>zebra</b>
ر	r	such as	<b>rust</b>
ژ	zh	such as	pleas <b>ure</b>
ف	f	such as	<b>fight</b>
ک	k	such as	<b>kind</b>
گ	g	such as	<b>gold</b>
ل	l	such as	<b>lost</b>
م	m	such as	<b>morning</b>
ن	n	such as	<b>nice</b>
و	w	such as	<b>wash</b>
ی	y	such as	<b>yes</b>

NON-ENGLISH  
CONSONANTS

Farsi sounds not found in the English alphabet

ghain - غ

qaaf - ق

ain' - ع

Khe - خ



## VOWELS IN FARSI

### Short Vowels

—̇ as in sap; —̈ as in sin; —̈́ as in so.

### Long Vowels

آ as in car; و as in spoon; ی as in feed.

NUMBERS  
IN FARSI

- 1 - Yak
- 2 - Doo
- 3 - Seh
- 4 - Chaar
- 5 - Panj
- 6 - Shash
- 7 - Haft
- 8 - Hasht
- 9 - No
- 10 - da

- ۱ - ایک
- ۲ - دو
- ۳ - سه
- ۴ - چهار
- ۵ - پنج
- ۶ - شش
- ۷ - هفت
- ۸ - هشت
- ۹ - نو
- ۱۰ - ده

۱۰	۹	۸	۷	۶	۵	۴	۳	۲	۱
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS/ CONCERNS?