

WELCOME TO ZABAN CLASS 5

For beginners in Farsi

TODAY'S GOALS

- Review the difference between HAST and AST and how to negate verbs
 - Learn how to ask yes/no questions in Farsi
 - Learn the difference between formal and conversational Farsi
 - Learn a few common phrases in Farsi
 - Practice grammar in groups using the common phrases of the day to conjugate it with different pronouns
 - Optional homework

REVIEW: HAST AND AST

Even though most people use both AST and هست HAST interchangeably, there is a slight difference for their use.

The هست or HAST version always refers to a *physical location*. for example:

من مكتب هستم.

man dar maktab HAST-am

‘I am at school.’

In the above sentence, the use of AST is not incorrect, but grammatically not suitable.

In contrast, when there is no reference to a physical location, هست or AST is the appropriate version to use. For example:

مریم معلم است.

Mariam mua’lem AST/

‘Mariam is a teacher.’

REVIEW: NEGATING VERBS IN FARSI

In farsi, adding a “ن” or sometimes in more formal texts, a “م” to a verb, causes it to be negative.

- For example, we will look at the negative form of the verb “to be” – بودن “بودن”.
- نیست or NEYST is the negative form of both the / AST/ and هاست / HAST/ verb

Negative	
English	فارسی
I am not	من نیستم
You are not	تو نیستی
He/she/it is not	او نیست
We are not	ما نیستیم
You are not	شما نیستید
They are not	آنها نیستند

Affirmative	
English	فارسی
I am	من استم
You are	تو اس提
He/she/it is	او است
We are	ما استیم
You are	شما استید
They are	آنها استند



ASKING YES OR NO QUESTIONS IN FARSI

The format of Yes/No questions are the same format as a statement.

The only difference is that to ask a question, you simply raise the intonation of your voice at the end. For example:

بلال از کابل است.

Bilal az kaa-bul ast

‘Bilal is from Kabul.’

Vs.

بلال از کابل است؟

Bilal az kaa-bul ast?

‘Is Bilal from Kabul?’

FORMAL VS. CONVERSATIONAL FARSI

Oftentimes, the way in which words are spelled or pronounced formally in Farsi, differ from the way they are pronounced in conversational Farsi. We'll point these out as we continue with classes, but here are some examples for the verb “to do” / kardan where formal and conversational Farsi are different:

Formal	Conversational
Man kardam	من کردم
tu kardi	توکردى
O kard	او کرد
Maa kar-deym	ما کردیم
Shu-maa kar-deyd	شما کردید
Aanhaa kardand	آنها کردند
	مه کدم
	توکدی
	او کد
	ما کدیم
	شما کدین
	اونا/وا کدن

COMMON PHRASES OF THE WEEK

Practice one phrase a day, and you'll know 7 new phrases in Farsi, every week!

English	Romanization (spoken version)	(formal/written version)
I'm in a hurry	ajalaan daaram	عجله دارم
You came	Tu aamadi	تو آمدی
Amir said don't do that	Amir guft nako	امیر گفت نکن
They went to Afghanistan	oonaa Afghanistan raftan	آنها افغانستان رفتند
what did we do?	Maa chi ka-deym?	ما چی کردیم؟
Where is Ahmad?	Ahmad kujaast?	احمد کجا است؟
What do you want?	Chi mekhaayee/mekhaayen?	چه می خواهی / می خواهید؟

GROUPWORK!

(PARTICIPATION IS **NOT** MANDATORY!)

*Note: if you feel uncomfortable participating, you're more than welcome to keep your mic and camera off and work on the material on your own once you're in groups, that's totally fine too!

- You will be separated in different groups/ 'rooms'
- Each group will be assigned one phrase to work on. You will use that phrase and find the 5 other pronoun conjugations for the sentence. (example: man khush astum --- find the same sentence for tu, o, maa, shumaa, aanhaa – tu khush asti, o khush ast, maa khush asteym, etc...)
- You can use the chart in the next slide to review pronoun endings, and to help you with the activity
- I will rotate from room to room, and answer any questions your group might have.
- After a couple of minutes, we will come back together as a class in one room.
- You should choose one person from your group to read your phrase with the different conjugations out loud to the class. (Don't worry about making mistakes, we're all learning!)
- We'll discuss any questions/ concerns regarding the exercise.

PRONOUNS AND VERB ENDINGS REVIEW:

“TO DO”

(KARDAN/کردن)

English	Romanization	Farsi
I did	Man kardam	من کردم
You did (singular)	Tu kardi	تو کردی
He/ She did	O kard-	او کرد-
We did	Maa kardeym	ما کردیم
You did (plural/ formal)	Shomaa kardeyd	شما کردید
They did	Aanhaa kardand	آنها کردند

OPTIONAL HOMEWORK

- Practice writing and pronouncing the phrases in slide #7
- Check out the intermediate class slides for new vocabulary words – if you'd like to expand your Farsi vocabulary! – practice pronouncing and writing them down!

Advanced:

- Come up with some sentences that use pronouns and verbs
- write the phrases with the different pronoun conjugations for as many phrases as you can (similar to our group practice today)



**QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS/
CONCERN'S?**

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And we'll address your questions as soon as we can!