

WELCOME TO ZABAN CLASS 6

For beginners in Farsi

TODAY'S GOALS

- Last week, we looked at how to ask yes/no questions and the difference between formal/conversational Farsi

Today we will:

- Learn how to show relationships through ezafat (-e- or –ey-)
- Learn a few common phrases in Farsi
- Practice common Farsi phrases in groups using the grammar which we learn.
- Optional homework

EZAFAT – SHOWING RELATIONSHIPS IN FARSI

- When two nouns are connected or related, there is a connector called Ezafat
- For instance, in English we might say, Sarah's book, or the book of Sarah. The ezafat acts as the apostrophe or the preposition "of" in Farsi.
- The ezafat can take the form of -e- or -ey- or not show up in writing at all, depending on the last letter of the noun that comes before it.
- Here are the 4 various rules for the ezafat:

EZAFAT – CONTINUED

- If the noun before it ends with a consonant, the ezafat is pronounced as –e- but is not written. For example:

Kitaab-e-Saaraah

کتاب ساراہ

- If the noun before ends with a vowel, the ezafat is pronounced –ye- and is written with a ی:

Kaakaa-ye-Ali

کاکای علی

- If the preceding word already ends with a ی , the ezafat still makes the –ye- sound, but it's not added in the writing:

Zindagee-ye-Marwa

زندگی مروہ

- And finally, if the last letter is a ہ , the –ye- sound is pronounced, but is represented by the letter ء [hamza] instead of the letter ی [yaa] :

Khaana-ye-Daud

خانہ داوود

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 to practice conversation with one another. You will also use the phrase to indicate the "ezafat" which we discussed in the grammar portion.
- 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, and indicate the place where ezafat was used.
- We'll discuss any questions/ concerns regarding the exercise.

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)
Sarah's book is good	Kitab -e- Sarah khoob ast	کتاب ساراہ خوب است
Ali's son is sweet	Pesar-e-/Bacha-ye- Ali sheereen ast.	پسر/بچہ علی شیرین است
Let's go to Marwa's house!	Khana-ye- Marwa beraweym!	خانہ مروہ برویم!
Fareed's life is in danger	Zindagi-ye- Fareed dar khatar ast	زندگی فرید در خطر است
My room is there.	Otaaq-e-man aanjaa ast	اتاق من آنجا است
The food of Afghanistan is tasty	Naan-e- Afghaanistaan mazadaar ast	نان افغانستان مزہ دار است
Ahmad's radio broke	Radio-ye- Ahmad Shikist	رادیوی احمد شکست

OPTIONAL HOMEWORK

- Practice writing and pronouncing the phrases in slide #6
- 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 ezafat in the 4 different forms



QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS/
CONCERNS?

Send us an email at info@zabaninstitute.com

Or

Message us on our Instagram page @zaban.institute

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