

# English to Farsi for English Speakers

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### Persian Alphabet

The Persian alphabet has the following sounds, with their equivalent letter or sound in English.

- alef AH
- beh B
- peh P
- teh T
- seh SH
- jim J
- cheh CH
- hehyeh jimi H
- kheh KH
- daal D
- zaal Z
- reh R
- zeh Z
- zheh ZH
- sin S
- shin SH
- sad S
- zad Z
- ta T
- za Z
- ayn aspiration
- ghayn Q
- feh F
- ghaf Q
- kaf K
- gaf G
- lam L
- mim M
- nun N
- vav O/V
- hehyeh mimi H
- yeh I/Y
- hamzeh aspiration

Note: This guide does not show Arabic alphabet characters.

## **Pronunciation**

### **Accent**

In Farsi, the accent is on the last syllable of a word.

### **Sounds**

In English translation of Farsi sounds, use the following sounds:

- i i as in Iran
- a a as in mad
- ah a as in ah
- oo oo as in noon
- o o as in dope
- ow ow as in show
- kh kh
- gh gh
- ' Start the vowel with a hard sound instead of a soft sound.

## **Adjective**

### **Amount**

a little	kam
a lot	khay li
big	bo zorg
deep	gohd
empty	khah li
every	har
full	por
heavy	san gin
high	bu land
long	da rahz
short	koo ta heh koo tahh
slow	ya vash
small	koo chik
tall high long	bo land
thick	ko loft
thin	nah zok
wide	feh rahkh

### **Personal Trait**

bad	bad
dear	a ziz
good	khub
happy	khosh ahl
hungry	go ros neh
lazy	tam bal
nice/beautiful	ghash ang

sick	ma riz
thirsty	tesh neh
well	khoob

### **Possession**

mine	mahl eh man
yours	mahl eh sho mah

### **Space**

busy/crowded	sho loogh
clean	tam iz
cold	sard
cool	khun ak
dirty	ka sif
dry	khoshk
hard	sehft
hot	dahgh
rectangular	mo rab ba
round	gehhd
ruined/broken	khar ahb
smooth	sahf
soft	narm
warm	garm
wet	khis

### **State**

cheap	ar zahn
dangerous	kha tar nahk
difficult	sakht
expensive	geh roon
important	mo hem
necessary	lah zem
safe	amn

### **Time**

new	noh
old	pir
quick	tund
young	ja voon

### **Adverb**

after	bad
again	doh bah reh
also	ham
always	ham i sheh
before	pish

early/fast	zood
far	door
here	in jah
late	dir
must	bah yad
near	naz dik
next/besides	di geh
now	hah lah
only	fa ghat
open	bahz
perhaps	shah yad
ready	hah zer
right at this spot	ham
slowly	ya vahsh
then	pas
there	un jah
very	khay li

### **Conjunction**

and	va
because	choon keh
but	vah li
if	a gar
or	yah
yet	ha nooz

### **Expression**

do you want some	beh far mah id
excuse me	beh bakh shid
good/well	khoob
goodbye	kho dah fehz
hello	a lo sa laam
how are you	hahl eh sho ma cheh tow rid?
I am sorry	moh teh ash eh fam
I thank you	mam noo nam mot shak keh ram
it does not matter	ayb na dah rad
it is a mistake	esh teh bah hah
madam	khah nom
no	na
please	khah hesh mi ko nam lot fan
sir	ah ghah
thank you	mehr si
what is the matter	ch eh too neh
yes	ba leh

**Noun**

electricity	bargh
money	pool
name	esm
rent	eh jah reh
tree	deh rakht
type/kind	tohr joor khesm

**Body**

back	pohsht
ear	goosh
eye	chashm
finger	an goosht
foot/leg	pah
hair	moo
hand	dast
head	sar
mouth	da han
nose	da magh
throat	geh loo

**Building**

4 way intersection	chahr rah
airport	fo rood gahh
avenue/street	khi yah bahn
bank	bahnk
bazaar	bah zahr
boulevard	bol vahr
bridge	pol
church	keh li sah
city/town	shaehr
college	dah nesh ka deh
company	shehr kat
consulate	kon sool ga ri
department store	fo roosh gahh
drugstore	dah roo khah neh
embassy	seh fah rat
foundation	sahz mahn
garage	gah rahzh
home	man zehl
hospital	bi mahr eh stan
hotel	ho tel
library	keh tahb knoo neh
line	khat
main intersection	may dahn
mountain	koo

movie theater	si neh mah
museum	moo zeh
narrow street	koo cheh
office building	'eh dah reh
organization	mo 'as seh seh
palace	kahkh
pharmacy	fahr ma si
place	jah
post office	post khah neh
railroad station	ist gahh eh rahh
restaurant	res toh rahn
river	rood khoo neh
road	jah deh rah
room	oh tahgh
school	mad reh seh
shop/store	ma ghah zeh
side/direction	ta raf
society	an jo man
station bus stop	ist gah
street corner	goo sheh
university	dah nesh gah
village	deh

### **Clothing**

apron	pish band
belt	ka mar band
button	dok meh
clothes	leh bahs rakht
coat	kot
handkerchief	das mahl
hat	ko lah eh
overcoat	pahl to
pants	shal vahr
raincoat	bah roo ni
scarf	roo sa ri
shirt/blouse	pi ran
shoelace	band eh kafsh
shoes	kafsh
skirt	dah man
slip	zir dah man
sock	joo rahb
suit/pantsuit	kot shal vahr
tie	keh rah vaht
umbrella	chatr
underpants panties	zir shal vahr

**Color**

black	si yahh
blue	'ah bi
bright/light	row shan
brown	ghaeh veh i
color	rang
dark	tah rik
gray	khah kes tar i
green	sabz
red	gehr mehzh sorkh
white	seh fid
yellow	zard

**Direction**

east	shargh
left	chap
north	sheh mahl
right	rahst
south	joo noob
straight	mos ta ghim
west	gharb

**Food**

afternoon tea	as rah neh
breakfast	nash tah i sob hah neh
butter	ka reh
cheese	pa nir
corn syrup	shi reh
dinner	shahm
granulated sugar	sheh kar
ice	yakh
ice cream	bas ta ni
lunch	nah hahr
salt	na mak
shortening	ro ghan
sweets/candy	shi rin i
vinegar	sehr keh

**Drink**

beer	ahb eh jow
coca cola	co cah
coffee	ghaeh veh
cream	khah meh
milk	shir
pepsi	pehp si
sour cream	khah meh tu rush



tea	chah i
water	ahb
wine	sha rahb
yogurt	mahst

### **Fruit**

apple	sib
apricot	zard ah loo
banana	mowz
cantaloupe	tah leh bi
cherry	gi lahs
date	khor mah
fig	an jir
fruit	mi veh
grape	'an goor
jam	mo rab bah
lemon juice	ahb li moo
lime/lemon	li moo
nectarine	sha lil
orange	por teh ghahl
peach	ho loo
pear	go lah bi
Persian melon	khar boo zeh
plum	ah loo zard
pomegranate	'an ahr
raisins	kesh mesh
sour cherry	ahl bah loo
sour orange	nahr anj
strawberries	toot eh far an gi
tangerine	nah rehn gi
watermelon	hehn doo neh

### **Grain**

all purpose flour	ahrd
any bread type	nahn
flat darker bread	san gak
rice	beh rehnj
thicker flat bread	bar ba ri
thin sheet bread	la vahsh
white bread loaf	nahn eh seh fid

### **Meat**

bacon	goo rahz
beef	goosht eh gahv
bologna/salami	kahl bahs
chicken	joo jeh morgh

eggs	tokh meh morph
fish	mah *hi
ham	zhahm bon
lamb	goosht eh bar reh
liver	jeh gar
meat	goosht
mutton	goosht eh goosht fan
shrimp	may goo
smoked fish	mah hi doo di
turkey	boo ghal ah moon
veal	goosht eh goo sah leh

### **Vegetable**

almond	bah dahm
asparagus	mar choo beh
beans	loo bi yah
cabbage	ka lam
carrot	ha vij
cauliflower	gol eh ka lam
celery	ka rafs
coconut	nahr gil
corn	zo rat
cucumber	khi yahr
eggplant	bah dehm joon
garlic	sir
green bean	loo bi yah sabz
green pea	no khod sabz
honey	'a sal
lentil	a das
lettuce	kah hoo
lima bean	bah ghah li
mixed greens	sab zi
mushroom	ghahrch
mustard	khar dal
nuts	'ah jil
onion	pi yahz
parsley	ja fa ri
pea	no khod
pepper	fehl fehl
pickles	tu rush i
pistacio	pehs teh
potato	sib za mi ni
radish	to rob
spices	ad vi eh
squash	ka doo
tomato	go jeh fa rahn gi

vegetable oil	ro ghan eh zay toon
vegetables	sab zi jat
walnuts	gehr doo

### **House**

house	khahneh
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### **Furnishing**

bath	ham mahm
bed	takht eh khahb
carpet	ghah li
chair	san da li
cupboard	gan jeh
curtain	par deh
door	dar
fire	ah tash
floor	za min
flower	gol
garden	bahgh
kitchen	ahsh paz khah neh
lamp	cher ahgh
oven	fohr
refrigerator	yakh dahn
roof	pohsh teh boom
stove/heater	bo khah ri
table	miz
toilet	das shoo i
vase	gol dahn
window	pan jeh reh

### **Item**

baggage	as bahb
ball	toop
basket	sa bad
blanket	pa too
bowl	kah seh
broom	jah roob
candle	sham
cloth	pahr cheh
cup	fehn jahn
dish	dis
drinking glass	li vahn
empty bottle	shi sheh
eyeglasses	ay nak
fork	chan gahl
frying pan	mah hi tah veh

key	keh lid
knife	kahrd
matches	keb rit
napkin	dast mahl eh so freh
package	bas teh
paper bag	pah kat
plate	bosh ghahb
pot	ket ri
present	feh li
purse	kif
saucepan	dig
sheets	rakht eh khahb
small box	ja beh
small change	pool eh khord
soap	sah boon
spoon	ghah shogh
teapot	ghoo ri
thing	chiz
tools	ab zahr
towel	hoh leh
tray	si ni

### Number

1	yehk
2	do
3	seh
4	chahr
5	panj
6	shish
7	haft
8	hasht
9	noh
10	daeh
11	yahz daeh
12	da vahz daeh
13	siz daeh
14	chahr daeh
15	poonz daeh
16	shoonz daeh
17	hiv daeh
18	hizh daeh
19	nooz daeh
20	bist
21	bist o yek
30	si
40	cheh hehl

50	pan jah
60	shast
70	haft tahd
80	hash tahd
90	na vad
100	sad
1000	heh zahr
half	nim
nothing	hich chiz
number	nom reh
one of them	yeh doo nuh
quarter	rob
three of them	seh tah
two of them	do tah
zero	sefr

### **Ordinal**

first	a val
second	do vom
third	se vom

### **Person Type**

American	ahm ri kah i
child	bach eh
class in school	ke las
doctor	dok tor
driver	rah nan deh
English	in gli si
family	fah mil
friend	doost
man	mard
officer	af sar
owner	sah hehb
professor	ohs tahd
servant	noh kar
soldier	sar bahz
student	shah gerd
teacher	mo al em
worker	kahr gar

### **Relative**

aunt	ah meh
cousin	peh sar am oo
daughter	dokh tar
father	peh dar

grandfather	peh dar boh zorg
grandmother	mah dar boh zorg
husband	show har
mother	mah dar
sister	khah har
son	peh sar
wife/woman	zan

### **Pronoun**

another	di gar
both	har doh
he she it him her	oo oon
I	man
other	di geh
same	ham
that	keh un
that one	un o
they/them	ish ahn oon hah
this	in
this one	in o
we/us	mah
you	sho mah

### **Time**

day	rooz
holiday	tat il
hour	sah at
last night	di shab
last year	par sahl
minute	da ghi gheh
month	mahh
next	ay an deh
this year	emsahl
today	ehm rooz
tomorrow	far dah
tonight	emshab
week	haf teh
year	sahl
yesterday	di rooz

### **Day Name**

Friday	jo meh
Monday	do sham beh
Saturday	sham beh
Sunday	yehk sham beh
Thursday	panj sham beh

Tuesday	seh sham beh
Wednesday	chahr sham beh

### **Day Parts**

afternoon	bad az zohr
before noon	pish zohr
morning	sob
night	shab
noon	zohr
sunset	go roob

### **Season**

fall	pah iz
spring as season	ba hahr
summer	tah bes tahn
winter	za mas tahn

### **Vehicle**

bus	oh toh boos
car	mah shin
plane as airplane	hav ah pay mah
ship	kesh ti
taxi	tahk si
train	gha tahr

### **Writing**

ball point pen	khod kahr
book	keh tahb
envelope	na meh
magazine	maj el leh
newspaper	rooz nah meh
notebook	daf tar
paper/letter	kah ghaz
pen	gha lam
pencil	ma dahd
stamp	tambr
ticket	beh lit

### **Preposition**

about	ta gri ban
across from	roo beh roo
back/in back	posht
between	bayn
by/with	bah
down/below	pah 'in
for	ba rah yeh

from	az
front/in front	jeh low
in/at	dar
in/inside	too yeh
near/near to	naz dik
next to	ah yan deh
on	roo yeh
outside	bi roon
to	beh tah
under	zir
up/above	bah lah
without	beh doon bi

### Question

Do you have	dah rid
how	cheh towr
how many of them	chand tah
how much	chand
how much is	chandeh
how much total	chand mish eh
what	chi
what time is it	sah at chan deh
where	ko jah
where is	ko jahst
which one	ko doom
who	ki
why	cheh rah

### Verb

The verb prefixes are mi- for a statement and beh- or bi- for a command.

The verb endings are

- I -am
- you -id
- he/she/it -eh
- we -im
- you -id
- they -and

am	has t-
became	sho d-
become	-sh-
bought	kha ri d-
break	sheh ka n-
bring	-ah r-
brought	'ah vor d-



buy	-kha r-
came	'ah ma d-
can/be able to	-too n-
carry/take away	-ba r-
close/shut	ban d-
come	-y-
consume eat drink	-kho r-
consumed/drunken	khoh d-
cook	pa z-
could was able to	too neh st-
did made performed	kar d-
do make perform	-ko n-
find	pay dah kar d-
gave	dah d-
give	-d-
go	-r-
had	dahs t-
have	dah r-
hear	shan o v-
help	koh mak kar d-
hit	-zan-
knew	doo neh st-
know	-doo n-
like	doost dahsh t-
live	zahn deh gi kar d-
lose	gom kar d-
play	bah zi kar d-
read	-khoo n- khoo d-
said	gof t-
saw	di d-
say	-gh-
see	-bi n-
sell	feh roo sh-
send	feh res t-
show	neh shoon dah d-
take/get	-gi r-
teach	dars mi d-
took/got	geh reh f t-
understand	-faeh m-
understood	faeh mi d-
wait	sabr kar d-
want	-kh- [-khahm, -khahid, -khaht, -khahim, -khahid, -khand]
wanted	khah st-
was/were	boo d-
wear	poo sh-
went	raf t-

