

# Farsi to English 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**

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

### **Personal Trait**

bad	bad
a ziz	dear
khub	good
khosh ahl	happy
go ros neh	hungry
tam bal	lazy

ghash ang	nice/beautiful
ma riz	sick
tesh neh	thirsty
khoob	well

### **Possession**

mahl eh man	mine
mahl eh sho mah	yours

### **Space**

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

### **State**

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

### **Time**

noh	new
pir	old
tund	quick
ja voon	young

### **Adverb**

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

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

### Conjunction

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

### Expression

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

ba leh	yes
sa laam	hello

### **Noun**

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

### **Body**

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

### **Building**

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

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

### **Clothing**

pish band	apron
ka mar band	belt
dok meh	button
leh bahs	clothes
rakht	clothes
kot	coat
das mahl	handkerchief
ko lah eh	hat
pahl to	overcoat
shal vahr	pants/slacks/trousers
bah roo ni	raincoat
roo sa ri	scarf
pi ran	shirt/blouse
band eh kafsh	shoelace
kafsh	shoes
dah man	skirt

zir dah man	slip
joo rahb	sock
kot shal vahr	suit/pantsuit
keh rah vaht	tie
chatr	umbrella
zir shal vahr	underpants/panties

### **Color**

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

### **Direction**

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

### **Food**

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



## **Drink**

ahb eh jow	beer
co cah	coca cola
ghaeh veh	coffee
khah meh	cream
shir	milk
pehp si	pepsi
khah meh tu rush	sour cream
chah i	tea
ahb	water
sha rahb	wine
mahst	yogurt

## **Fruit**

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

## **Grain**

ahrd	all purpose flour
nahn	any bread type
san gak	flat darker bread
beh rehnj	rice
bar ba ri	thicker flat bread

la vahsh	thin sheet bread
nahn eh seh fid	white bread in a loaf

### **Meat**

goo rahz	bacon
goosht eh gahv	beef
kahl bahs	bologna/salami
joo jeh	chicken
morgh	chicken
tokh meh morgh	eggs
mah *hi	fish
zhahm bon	ham
goosht eh bar reh	lamb
jeh gar	liver
goosht	meat
goosht eh goosht fan	mutton
may goo	shrimp
mah hi doo di	smoked fish
boo ghal ah moon	turkey
goosht eh goo sah leh	veal

### **Vegetable**

bah dahm	almond
mar choo beh	asparagus
loo bi yah	beans
ka lam	cabbage
ha vij	carrot
gol eh ka lam	cauliflower
ka rafs	celery
nahr gil	coconut
zo rat	corn
khi yahr	cucumber
bah dehm joon	eggplant
sir	garlic
loo bi yah sabz	green bean
no khod sabz	green pea
'a sal	honey
a das	lentil
kah hoo	lettuce
bah ghah li	lima bean
sab zi	mixed greens
ghahrch	mushroom
khar dal	mustard
'ah jil	nuts
pi yahz	onion
ja fa ri	parsley

no khod	pea
fehl fehl	pepper
tu rush i	pickles
pehs teh	pistacio
sib za mi ni	potato
to rob	radish
ad vi eh	spices
ka doo	squash
go jeh fa rahn gi	tomato
ro ghan eh zay toon	vegetable oil
sab zi jat	vegetables
gehr doo	walnuts

### **House**

khahneh	house
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### **Furnishing**

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

### **Item**

as bahb	baggage
toop	ball
sa bad	basket
pa too	blanket
kah seh	bowl
jah roob	broom

sham	candle
pahr cheh	cloth
fehn jahn	cup
dis	dish
li vahn	drinking glass
shi sheh	empty bottle
ay nak	eyeglasses
chan gahl	fork
mah hi tah veh	frying pan
keh lid	key
kahrd	knife
keb rit	matches
dast mahl eh so freh	napkin
bas teh	package
pah kat	paper bag
bosh ghahb	plate
ket ri	pot
feh li	present
kif	purse/handbag/briefcase
dig	saucepan
rakht eh khahb	sheets
ja beh	small box
pool eh khord	small change
sah boon	soap
ghah shogh	spoon
ghoo ri	teapot
chiz	thing
ab zahr	tools
hoh leh	towel
si ni	tray

### Number

yehk	1
do	2
seh	3
chahr	4
panj	5
shish	6
haft	7
hasht	8
noh	9
daeh	10
yahz daeh	11
da vahz daeh	12
siz daeh	13
chahr daeh	14

poonz daeh	15
shoonz daeh	16
hiv daeh	17
hizh daeh	18
nooz daeh	19
bist	20
bist o yek	21
si	30
cheh hehl	40
pan jah	50
shast	60
haft tahd	70
hash tahd	80
na vad	90
sad	100
heh zahr	1000
nim	half
hich chiz	nothing
nom reh	number
yeh doo nuh	one of each/one of them
rob	quarter
seh tah	three of each/three of them
do tah	two of each/two of them
sefr	zero

### **Ordinal**

a val	first
do vom	second
se vom	third

### **Person Type**

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

mo al em	teacher
kahr gar	worker

### **Relative**

ah meh	aunt
peh sar am oo	cousin
dokh tar	daughter
peh dar	father
peh dar boh zorg	grandfather
mah dar boh zorg	grandmother
show har	husband
mah dar	mother
khah har	sister
peh sar	son
zan	wife/woman

### **Pronoun**

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

### **Time**

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

emshab	tonight
haf teh	week
sahl	year
di rooz	yesterday

### **Day Name**

jo meh	Friday
do sham beh	Monday
sham beh	Saturday
yehk sham beh	Sunday
panj sham beh	Thursday
seh sham beh	Tuesday
chahr sham beh	Wednesday

### **Day Parts**

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

### **Season**

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

### **Vehicle**

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

### **Writing**

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

tambr	stamp
beh lit	ticket

### **Preposition**

ta gri ban	about
roo beh roo	across from
posht	back/in back
bayn	between
bah	by/with
pah 'in	down/below
ba rah yeh	for
az	from
jeh low	front/in front
dar	in/at
too yeh	in/inside
naz dik	near/near to
ah yan deh	next to
roo yeh	on
bi roon	outside
beh	to
tah	to
zir	under
bah lah	up/above
beh doon	without
bi	without

### **Question**

dah rid?	do you have
cheh towr	how
chand tah	how many of them
chand	how much
chandeh?	how much is
chand mish eh?	how much is the total
cheh ghadr	how much of/how many of
chi	what
sah at chan deh?	what time is it
kay	when
ko jah	where
ko jahst?	where is
ko doom	which [one]
ki	who
cheh rah	why

### **Verb**

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



The verb endings are:

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

has t-	am/are/is
sho d-	became
-sh-	become
kha ri d-	bought
sheh ka n-	break
-ah r-	bring
'ah vor d-	brought
-kha r-	buy
'ah ma d-	came
-too n-	can/be able to
-ba r-	carry/take away
ban d-	close/shut
-y-	come [-yahm, -yahid, -yahd, -yahim, -yahid, -yand]
-kho r-	consume/eat/drink
khor d-	consumed/eaten/drunk
pa z-	cook
too neh st-	could/was able to
kar d-	did/mad/performed
-ko n-	do/make/perform
pay dah kar d-	find
dah d-	gave
-d-	give
-r-	go
dahs t-	had
dah r-	have
shan o v-	hear
koh mak kar d-	help
-zan-	hit
doo neh st-	knew
-doo n-	know
doost dahsh t-	like
zehn deh gi kar d-	live
gom kar d-	lose
bah zi kar d-	play
-khoo n-	read
khoo n-	read (past tense)
gof t-	said
di d-	saw

-gh-	say
-bi n-	see
feh roo sh-	sell
feh res t-	send
neh shoon dah d-	show
-gi r-	take/get
dars mi d-	teach
geh reh f t-	took/got
-faeh m-	understand
faeh mi d-	understood
sabr kar d-	wait
-kh-	want [-khahm, -khahid, -khahd, -khahim, -khahid, -khand]
khah st-	wanted
boo d-	was/were
poo sh-	wear
raf t-	went