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Book 1

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Description:

Learn to Speak Persian Fast is a multi-level series for Persian learners from the beginning to the advanced level. It is a breakthrough in Persian language learning — offering a winning formula and the most powerful methods for learning to speak Persian fluently and confidently. Each book provides 10 chapters covering a comprehensive range of topics. Each chapter includes vocabulary, grammar, reading and writing lessons. There is a series of exercises that gives you extra practice in using new concepts and inspires you to construct personalized conversations.

Book 1 of Learn to Speak Persian Fast series is designed for beginning students needing a comprehensive, slow-paced arrangement of basic pronunciation, grammar structures, and vocabulary. It gives learners easy access to the Persian vocabulary and grammar as it is actually used in a comprehensive range of everyday life situations and it teaches students to use Persian for situations related to work, social life, and leisure. Topics such as greetings, family, weather, sports, food, customs, etc. are presented in interesting unique ways using real-life information. Beautiful illustrations enable students learn vocabulary and grammar lessons effectively.

Self-guided students and classroom learners alike will be thrilled by the way they progress from one level to the next, using a combination of pictures and text to discover for themselves how Persian language really works.

Effortlessly and confidently follow the step-by-step instructions in this book to achieve the highest level of fluency to make you speak Persian like a native speaker.

Learn to Speak Persian is the only book you'll ever need to master Persian language! It can be used as a self-study course - you do not need to work with a teacher. (It can also be used with a teacher).
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**Pronunciation**

The regular letters used for written Farsi stand for some different sounds. It is usually difficult to tell how a word is pronounced just by looking at how it is spelled. Therefore, it is useful to show the pronunciation of each word separately, using a system of symbols in which each symbol stands for one sound only. The pronunciations of letters and words are given within two slashes.

This book uses a simple spelling system to show how letters and words are pronounced, using the symbols listed below.

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Persian Vowels

Persian language has six simple vowels, three short vowels and three long vowels:

**Short vowels:**

1- Short vowel $\hat{a}$ as in English “that”

2- Short vowel $\hat{e}$ as in English “men”

3- Short vowel $\hat{o}$ as in English “code”

**Example:**

/ba/ ̣ ̣ ̣ /na/ ̣ ̣ ̣ /ma/ ̣ ̣ ̣

/be/ ̣ ̣ ̣ /ne/ ̣ ̣ ̣ /me/ ̣ ̣ ̣

/bo/ ̣ ̣ ̣ /no/ ̣ ̣ ̣ /mo/ ̣ ̣ ̣

Short vowels are written with other letters, above or below them:

man : /mard/ مّرّد

basket : /sabad/ سّبّد

Three short vowel signs are not usually used in writing. They sometimes are written at elementary stages of learning to help learners understand the sound of Persian words.
Long vowels:

4- Long vowel আ á as in English “car”

5- Long vowel ই i as in English “fit”

6- Long vowel উ u as in English “foot”

Three letters of /া/ - /ি/ - /উ/ are used for writing three long vowels:

/বা/ বা
/বি/ বি
/বউ/ বউ
/বু/ বু
The Persian alphabet (Persian: /alefbâye fârsi/ الْفَبَى فَارْسِى) consists 32 letters, most of which have two forms, short and full. In Persian, words are written from right to left while numbers are written from left to right. Persian is a writing style based on the Arabic script. It is entirely written cursively. That is, the majority of letters in a word connect to each other. Therefore, the appearance of a letter changes depending on its position: beginning (joined on the left), middle (joined on both sides), end (joined on the right) of a word and some letters are written isolated.

This writing style is also implemented on computers. Whenever the Persian script is typed, the computer connects the letters to each other.

In this chapter, you learn how to write and read Persian language. We first begin with the most common Persian letters.

“آ - ی”, called “alef”, is the first letter of the Farsi alphabet. Letter “alef” is vowel and has two forms.

“ی” always pronouns /æ/ like “a” in “father”. It is an initial letter which never joins the following and preceding letters.

Final “alef” is written as “ی”. It has four sounds, /æ/ like “a” in “father”, /a/ like “a” in “cat”, /e/ like “e” in “men”, and /o/ like “o” in “gorgeous”. Final “alef” only joins to the preceding letters.
“ب” /be/ is the second letter of the Persian alphabet. It sounds /be/ like “b” in “black”. “ب” has two forms. “پ” is the short form. In general, letters in short forms take the initial or medial positions in a Persian word. “پ” is the full form. Letters in full form come only at the end of the words.

water /’æb/ آب  
dad /bâbâ/ پapa

“ن” called “nun”, is the twenty-ninth letter of the Persian alphabet. It has short and full forms. “ن” sounds /ne/ like “n” in “noon”.

bread /’næn/ نان

“د” /dâl/ is the tenth letter of the Persian alphabet. It only has one format. “د” only joins the preceding letters in Persian words. It sounds /de/ like “d” in “dog”.

wind /’bâd/ باد  
bad /bad/ برد
“ر” /re/ is the twelfth letter of the Persian alphabet and has one format. “ر” only joins to the preceding letters in Persian words. It sounds /re/ like “r” in “red”.

pomegranate :/anâr/ آثار
rain :/bârân/ باران
flour :/ârd/ آرد
door :/darb/ دُر

“م” called “mim”, is the twenty eighth letter of the Persian alphabet. It has short and full formats. “م” sounds /me/ like “m” in “must”.

man :/mard/ مرد
name :/nâm/ نام
mother :/mâdar/ مادر
snake :/mâr/ مار
almonds :/bâdâm/ بادام

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