

GETTING STARTED WITH The Persian alphabet – Summary

Persian is written and read from right to left. It consists of 32 letters, all of which are used as consonants except for three letters which could take up a secondary task as vowels. There are also four vowel signs that are placed above and under a letter to create a sound; however, these signs are often omitted in writings (books, newspaper,.....).

Vowels letters are: آ - و - ی

آ - ا : (hamze) is a vowel that is used for the sound “a” (“aa”) as sounds in “art”. In Farsi as: آب pronounced – Aab – means: (Water)

و : (vav) is a vowel that is used for the sound “oo” as sounds in “tour”. In Farsi: تور pronounced (tour) and means: (Net)

ی : (yeh) is a vowel that is used for the sound “ee” as sounds in “breeze. In Farsi میراب pronounced (Meerab) and means: (Who gives water in farms)

Small Vowels signs are:

- Zabar or fat-he written above the letter and given the (a)sound as in “bad”:
- Zir or Kasre written under the letter and given the (e) sound as in “bed”:
- Zammeh written above the letter and given the (o) sound as in “bone”:
- Sokun written above the letter and indicate a pause in the sound as in “sand”:

Consonant Letters are:

<u>Persian</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
ا	A	ناصر	Naaser	who help (Male’s name)
ب	B	برگ	Barg	Leaf
پ	P	پدر	Pedar	Father
ت	T	توپ	Toup	Ball
ث	S	ثريا	Sorayaa	Sky- Space

ج	J	جواب	Jawaab	Answer
چ	CH	چرا	Ghera	Why
ح	H	حساب	Hesaab	Mathematics
خ	KH	خودکار	Khodkar	Pen
د	D	دوا	Dawaa	Medicine
ذ	Z	ذرت	Zorrat	Corn
ر	R	برادر	Baraadar	Brother
ز	Z	زر	Zar	Gold
ژ	ZH	زلہ	Zheleh	Gel
س	S	سبد	Sabad	Basket
ش	SH	شبیم	Shabnam	Dew
ص	S	صورت	Sourat	Face
ض	Z	ضرر	Zarar	Loss
ظ	T	طناب	Tanaab	robe
ط	Z	ظرف	Zarf	Plate
ع	A	عصا	Asaa	Stick
غ	GH	غذا	Ghazaa	Food
ف	F	فردا	Farda	Tomorrow
ق	GH	فقر	Faghr	Poverty
ک	K	کریم	Karim	Generous
گ	G	گردو	Gardoo	Walnut
ل	L	لباس	Lebaas	Cloths
م	M	مردم	Mardom	People
ن	N	نان	Naan	Bread
ه	H	هوا	Hawa	Air
و	V	سوغات	Soughaat	Gift
ی	Y	یکی	Yeki	Once

NOTE:

Some of the letters can be changed a little in their shape when they are joined to other letters as we have seen in پ in پدر or ج in چرا .

How many joined letters can you find in the following text, please sign it and write its enjoined shape under that:

هواپیما یکی از برجسته ترین اختراعات بشر و نمونه کاملی از
رشد دانش و تکامل وی در صنعت . هنر

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