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# 3 MINUTE PERSIAN

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## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #1 Self Introduction

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## PERSIAN

1. سلام, من مریمم.
2. سلام, من مریم احمدی هستم.
3. خوشوقتم.
4. از آشنائیتون خوشوقتم.

## ENGLISH

1. Hi I'm Maryam
2. Hello, I'm Maryam Ahmadi.
3. I'm pleased.
4. I'm pleased to meet you.

## ROMANIZATION

1. salaam, man maryamam.
2. Salam, man maryam-e ahmadi hastam.
3. khoshvaghtam.
4. az ashnaaitoon khoshvaghtam.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
مریم	maryam	Maryam	given name
م	am	am	verb
سلام	salaam	hello	interjection
احمدی	ahmadi	Ahmadi	family name
هستم	hastam	am	verb
خوشوقت	khoshvaght	pleased	adjective
م	am	I'm	phrase
از آشنائی	az ashnaai	to meet	phrase
تون	toon	you	pronoun

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

او هیچ وقت به من سلام نمی کند. Oo hich vaght be man salaam nemikonad. He never says hello to me.	از دیدنتان خوشوقتم. Az didanetan khoshvaghtam. I'm pleased to see you.
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من یک معلم ام. Man yek moallem am. I am a teacher.
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## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to introduce yourself.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	informal	سلام, من مریمم.	Hi I'm Maryam	
Word 1		سلام	Hi	

Word 2		من	I
Word 3		مریم	Maryam
Word 4		م	am
<p>This is a speaking form of the verb "to be," boodan بودن for the first person singular. Instead of hastam, which is sounds slightly formal, we can use am.</p>			
Phrase 2	formal	سلام، من مریم احمدی هستم.	Hello, I'm Maryam Ahmadi.
Word 1		سلام	Hello
Word 2		من	I
Word 3		مریم	Maryam
Word 4		احمدی	Ahmadi
Word 5		هستم	am
Phrase 3	informal	خوشوقتم.	I'm pleased.
Word 1		خوشوقت	Pleased
Word 2		م	I'm
Phrase 4	formal	از آشنائیتون خوشوقتم.	I'm pleased to meet you.
Word 1		از آشنائی	to meet
Word 2		تون	you

Word 3	خوشوقت	Pleased
Word 4	م	I'm

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands in Iranian culture. But keep in mind that there are some people who avoid doing so with the opposite gender for religious reasons.

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# 3-Minute Persian #2 Greetings

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# PERSIAN

1. سلام

2. روز بخیر

3. میبینمت

4. خدا حافظ

# ENGLISH

1. Hi.
2. Good day.
3. See you.
4. Goodbye.

# ROMANIZATION

1. salaam
2. rooz bekheir
3. mibinamet
4. khodaa haafez

# VOCABULARY



Persian	Romanization	English	Class
سلام	salaam	Hi	interjection
روز	rooz	day	noun
بخیر	bekheir	good	adjective
ت	et	you	pronoun
میبینم	mibinam	see	verb
خداحافظ	khodaa haafez	good bye	interjection

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

باید از او خداحافظ کنی.

Baayad az oo khodaa haafezi koni.

"You must say good bye to her."

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to greet someone when you arrive and when you part.

	Register	Persian	English
<b>Phrase 1</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>سلام</b>	<b>Hi.</b>
Word 1		سلام	Hi
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>روز بخیر</b>	<b>Good day.</b>
Word 1		روز	day
Word 2		بخیر	good
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>میبینم</b>	<b>See you.</b>
Word 1		میبینم	see
Word 2		ت	you

Phrase 4	formal	خدا حافظ	Goodbye.
Word 1		خدا حافظ	goodbye

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In the morning, people will greet each other with *salaam, sobh bekheir* سلام صبح بخیر ("Hello, good morning!") and at the end of a work day you usually hear people say *khasteh nabashi* خسته نباشی. It literally means "don't be tired" but it's just a way of showing gratitude for the hard work someone has done.

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# 3-Minute Persian #3 Manners

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1. ممنونم.

2. خیلی ممنونم.

3. صمیمانه تشکر میکنم.

4. ممنون برای همه چیز.

# ENGLISH

1. Thank you.
2. Thank you very much.
3. Thank you, kindly.
4. Thanks for everything.

# ROMANIZATION

1. mamnoonam
2. kheili mamnoonam.
3. Samimaneh tashak-kor mikonam.
4. mamnoon baraay-e hameh chiz.

# VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
ممنون	mamnoon	thankful	adjective
م	am	am	verb
خیلی	Kheili	very much	phrase / adverb / adjective
همه چیز	hameh chiz	everything	phrase
تشکر میکنم	tashak-kor mikoanm	thank you	phrase
صمیمانه	Samimaneh	kindly	adverb
برای	baraaye, baraay-e	for	preposition

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>رنگین کمان خیلی زیباست.</p> <p>Rangin kaman kheili zibast.</p> <p>The rainbow is very beautiful.</p>	<p>امروز برای تنوع در رستوران شام خوردیم.</p> <p>Emrooz baraa-ye tanawvvoe dar restooraan shaam khordim.</p> <p>For a treat, we had dinner in a restaurant today.</p>
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## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to thank other people in various ways.

	Register	Persian	English
Phrase 1	formal	ممنونم.	Thank you.
Word 1		ممنون	thankful
Word 2		م	am
Phrase 2	formal	خیلی ممنونم.	Thank you very much.

Word 1		خیلی	very much
Word 2		ممنون	thankful
Word 3		م	am
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>صمیمانه تشکر میکنم.</b>	<b>Thank you, kindly.</b>
Word 1		صمیمانه	kindly
Word 2		تشکر میکنم	thank you
<b>Phrase 4</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>ممنون برای همه چیز.</b>	<b>Thanks for everything.</b>
Word 1		ممنون	thanks
Word 2		برای	for
Word 3		همه چیز	everything

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

There's another common word for informal settings which comes from the French "Merci." It's *mersi* مرسی.

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# 3-Minute Persian #4 Asking How Someone Is

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## PERSIAN

1. چطوری؟

2. حالتون چطوریه؟

3. خوبم. مرسی.

4. خیلی خوب نیستم.

## ENGLISH

1. How are you?
2. How are you?
3. I'm fine. Thanks
4. Not so well.

## ROMANIZATION

1. chetori?
2. haaletoon chetoreh?
3. mersi.
4. kheili khoob nistam.

## VOCABULARY



Persian	Romanization	English	Class
چطور	Chetori, chetor	how	adverb
ی	i	are you	verb
حالتون	haaletoon	lit. your health	phrase
ه	eh	is	verb
خوب	khoob	fine	adjective
م	am	I'm	phrase
مرسی	mersi	Thanks	interjection
خیلی	kheili	so	adjective
نیستم	nistam	not	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>بهم یاد بده چطوری از کنترل استفاده کنم.</p> <p>behem yaad bedeh chetori az kontrol estefaadeh konam.</p> <p>Tell me how to use the remote control.</p>	<p>چطوری توانستید از این راه بروید؟</p> <p>Chetori tavanestid az in rah beravid?</p> <p>How did you go by this way?</p>
<p>چطوری بروم میدان انقلاب؟</p> <p>Chetori beravam meyda-e Enghelab?</p> <p>How can I go to Enghelab Square?</p>	<p>من یک معلم ام.</p> <p>Man yek moallem am.</p> <p>I am a teacher.</p>

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask and answer the question How are you?.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	informal	چطوری؟	How are you?	

Word 1		چطور	How
Word 2		ی	are you
			<p>This is a speaking form of the verb "to be," boodan بودن for the second person singular. Instead of hasti, which is sounds slightly formal, we can use i.</p>
Phrase 2	formal	حالتون چطور؟	How are you?
Word 1		حالتون	lit. your health
Word 2		چطور	How
Word 3		ه	is
Phrase 3	informal	خوبم. مرسی.	I'm fine. Thanks
Word 1		خوب	fine
Word 2		م	I'm
Word 3		مرسی	Thanks
Phrase 4	formal	خیلی خوب نیستم.	Not so well.
Word 1		خیلی	so
Word 2		خوب	well
Word 3		نیستم	not

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Like in English, in Persian, you can ask how your friend is by asking *salam, khoobi? cheh khabar?* سلام، خوبی؟ چه خبر؟. This means "Hey, you Ok?" or "what's up?" And in response, you can say *salam, khabar-e khas-si nist* سلام، خبر خاصی نیست. Meaning "Hey, nothing special!" Or you might hear someone say *salaamati, khabar-e khas-si nist* سلامتی، خبر خاصی نیست which literally means "health, nothing special". *Salaamati* means "health". So the speaker means they are fine and healthy!

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# 3-Minute Persian #5 Apologizing

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# PERSIAN

1. ببخشید

2. عذر میخوام

3. منظوری نداشتم.

4. متاسفم

# ENGLISH

1. Excuse me.
2. Pardon
3. I didn't mean it.
4. I'm sorry.

# ROMANIZATION

1. bebakhshid
2. ozr mikhaam
3. manzoori nadaashtam
4. mote'as-sefam

# VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
بخشید	bebakhshid	Excuse	verb
عذر میخوام	ozr mikhaam	Pardon	noun
منظوری	manzoori	any intention	noun
نداشتم	nadaashtam	I didn't have	verb
متاسف	mote'as-sef	sorry	phrase, adjective
م	am	I'm	phrase

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

من یک معلم ام.

Man yek moallem am.

I am a teacher.

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to apologise yourself and say that you didn't do it on purpose or you are sorry.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	informal	بخشید	Excuse me.	In a word-by-word translation, it is "man-o (spoken form of "man raa") (which means me in English) bebakhshid" but you can omit it in speakig.

Word 1		بخشید	Excuse
Phrase 2	formal	عذر میخوام	Pardon
Word 1		عذر میخوام	Pardon
Phrase 3		منظوری نداشتم.	I didn't mean it.
Word 1		منظوری	any intention Here by manzoor منظور ("intention") you imply manzoor-e bad منظور بد ("bad intention").
Word 2		نداشتم	I didn't have Adding the letter ن negates the infinitive verb daashtan ("to have").
Phrase 4		متاسفم	I'm sorry.
Word 1		متاسف	sorry
Word 2		م	I'm

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

There's no single phrase in Persian that equates to "I'm sorry." Depending on the setting or level of formality, when you feel sorry and ashamed you can say *bebakhshid* بخشید or *sharmandam* شرمنده ام (a spoken form of *sharmandeh am* شرمنده ام) which literally means "I'm ashamed."

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# 3-Minute Persian #6

## Refusing Politely

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## PERSIAN

1. نه، مرسی.

2. نه، ممنونم.

3. شرمنده، اون تاریخ جایی دعوتیم.

4. شرمنده فرداش یه فاینال دارم.

## ENGLISH

1. No, thanks.
2. No, thank you.
3. Sorry, that day we're invited somewhere.
4. Sorry, I have a final the day after.

## ROMANIZATION

1. na, mersi
2. na, mamnoonam.
3. sharmandeh, oon taarikh jaai da'vatim.
4. sharmandeh, fardaash yeh faaynaal daaram.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
نه	na	no	adverb
مرسی	mersi	Thanks	interjection
ممنون	mamnoon	thankful	adjective
م	am	I'm	phrase
شرمنده	sharmandeh	sorry	adjective
اون	oon	that	preposition
تاریخ	taarikh	date	noun
جایی	jaai	somewhere	phrase (noun + indefinite article)
دعوتیم	da'vatim	we're invited	verb phrase
فرداش	fardaash	the day after	phrase
یه	yeh	a	noun
فاینال	faaynaal	final	noun
دارم	daaram	have	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>من یک معلم ام.</p> <p>Man yek moallem am.</p> <p>I am a teacher.</p>	<p>من همیشه سالروز ازدواجمان را فراموش می‌کنم.</p> <p>man hamishe saalrooz-e ezdevaajemaan raa faraamoosh mikonam.</p> <p>I always forget my anniversary date.</p>
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## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to refuse politely an invite.

Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
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<b>Phrase 1</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>نه، مرسی.</b>	<b>No, thanks.</b>	
Word 1		نه	no	
Word 2		مرسی	thanks	"mersi" مرسی is a common expression for thanking someone informally.
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>نه، ممنونم.</b>	<b>No, thank you.</b>	
Word 1		نه	no	
Word 2		ممنون	thankful	
Word 3		م	I'm	
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>شرمنده، اون تاریخ جایی دعوتیم.</b>	<b>Sorry, that day we're invited somewhere.</b>	
Word 1		شرمنده	sorry	
Word 2		اون	that	
Word 3		تاریخ	date	
Word 4		جایی	somewhere	

			spoken colloquial form of da'vat دعوت شدیم (from da'vat shodan -- "to be invited") which is the passive voice of "da'vat kardan" ("to invite").
Word 5		دعوتیم we're invited	
Phrase 4	informal	شرمنده فرداش یه فاینال دارم. Sorry, I have a final the day after.	In Iran education is highly valued and students are mostly busy with school, exams, cram schools.
Word 1		شرمنده sorry	
Word 2		فرداش the day after	
Word 3		یه a	
Word 4		فاینال final	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Refusing an invitation is not an easy thing in Iran. Even when you try your hardest to not hurt the inviter's feelings, they might get upset. And sometimes, you even have to come up with white lies!

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# 3-Minute Persian #7 Do You Speak English?

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## PERSIAN

1. میتونین انگلیسی صحبت کنین؟

2. میتونی انگلیسی صحبت کنی؟

3. بله، می تونم.

4. نه، نمی تونم.

## ENGLISH

1. Can you speak English?

2. Do you speak English?

3. Yes, I can.

4. No, I can't.

## ROMANIZATION

1. mitoonin ingilisi sohbat konin?

2. mitooni ingilisi sohbat koni?

3. baleh, mitoonam.

4. na, nemitoonam.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
میتونین	mitoonin	Can you (polite)	verb
انگلیسی	Inglesi	English	noun
صحبت کنین	sohbat konin	speak	verb
میتونی	mitooni	Can you	verb
بله	bale, baleh	yes	interjection
می تونم	mitoonam	I can	verb
نه	na	no	adverb
نمی تونم	nemitoonam	I can't	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>در یک کلاس انگلیسی ثبت نام کردم.</p> <p>Dar yek kelaas Inglesi sabte naam kardam.</p> <p>"I registered for an English class."</p>	<p>اگر مایل هستید کافی است بگوئید بله.</p> <p>Agar mayel hastid kafi ast begood baleh.</p> <p>If you agree, it is enough to say yes.</p>
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بله، حتماً با من تماس بگیر.

Bale, hatman ba man tamas begir.

Yes, please do contact me.

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask and answer the question Do you speak English?.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	formal	میتونین انگلیسی صحبت کنین؟	Can you speak English?	

Word 1		میتونین	Can you (polite)	The infinitive form is tavaanestan توانستن. Mitoonin is the spoken form of mitavaanid.
Word 2		انگلیسی	English	
Word 3		صحبت کنین	speak	The infinitive form is sohbat kardan صحبت کردن.
Phrase 2	informal	میتونی انگلیسی صحبت کنی؟	Do you speak English?	
Word 1		میتونی	Can you	
Word 2		انگلیسی	English	
Word 3		صحبت کنی	speak	
Phrase 3		بله، می تونم.	Yes, I can.	
Word 1		بله	Yes	
Word 2		می تونم	I can	
Phrase 4		نه، نمی تونم.	No, I can't.	
Word 1		نه	No	
Word 2		نمی تونم	I can't	

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## CULTURAL INSIGHT



English is taught as a second language at school in Iran and many parents put their kids in after-school language institutes. Many university students learn English to study abroad. So I can safely say that the young generation has a good command of English.

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# 3-Minute Persian #8 Talking About Your Age

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# PERSIAN

1. چند سالته؟
2. چند سالتونه؟
3. هیفده سالمه.
4. سن خانوما رو نمیپرسن.

# ENGLISH

1. How old are you? (informal)
2. How old are you? (formal)
3. I am 17.
4. You don't ask a woman's age.

# ROMANIZATION

1. chand saaletah?
2. chand saaletoneh?
3. hifdah saalameh.
4. sen-ne khaanoomaa-ro nemiporsan.

# VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
چند سالته؟	chand saaleteh?	How old are you? (informal)	interrogative question
چند سالتونه؟	chand saaletooneh?	How old are you? (polite)	interrogative question
هیفده سالمه.	hifdah saalameh.	I am 17.	sentence
سن	sen	age	noun
خانما	khaanooma	women	noun
رو	ro	object marker	object marker
نمپرسن	nemiporsan	they don't ask	verb

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask someone's age and to say yours.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	informal	چند سالته؟	How old are you?	This structure has no written equivalent. The closest written form is <i>chand saal daarid?</i> , چند سال دارید؟
Word 1		چند سالته؟	How old are you?	
Phrase 2	formal	چند سالتونه؟	How old are you?	
Word 1		چند سالتونه؟	How old are you?	
Phrase 3		هیفده سالمه.	I am 17.	

Word 1	هيفده سالمه.	I am 17.	<i>Hifdah</i> , هیفده, is the informal spoken form of <i>hefdah</i> , هفده. You only hear a news anchor say <i>hefdah</i> . It's formal.
Phrase 4	سن خانوما رو نمپرسن.	You don't ask a woman's age.	We usually don't reply using such direct answers. Women usually take it easy and might say "I'm 18," <i>hizhdah saalameh</i> , هیژد ه سالمه (informal form of <i>hejdah</i> , هجده, or <i>hezhdah</i> , هژده).
Word 1	سن	age	
Word 2	خانوما	women	The spoken form of <i>khaanoom-haa</i> , خانوم ها.
Word 3	رو	object marker	
Word 4	نمپرسن	they don't ask	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Like in many other cultures, it's better to avoid asking an Iranian woman's age.

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# 3-Minute Persian #9 Using Adjectives

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## PERSIAN

1. آمریکاییم.

2. گرسنمه.

3. ما سردمونه.

4. تو خوشگلی.

## ENGLISH

1. I'm American.

2. I'm hungry.

3. We are cold.

4. You're pretty.

## ROMANIZATION

1. aamrikaai-yam

2. gorosnameh.

3. maa sardemooneh.

4. to khoshgeli.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
آمریکاییم	aamrikaaiyam	American	adjective
م	am	I'm	phrase
گرسنمه.	gorosnameh.	I'm hungry.	sentence
ما	maa	we	pronoun
سردمونه.	sardemooneh	are cold	expression
تو	to	You	pronoun
خوشگل	khoshgel	pretty	adjective
ی	i	are	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>من یک معلم ام.</p> <p>Man yek moallem am.</p> <p>I am a teacher.</p>	<p>ما سال گذشته رفتیم اروپا.</p> <p>Ma sale gozashte raftim oroupa.</p> <p>"We went to Europe last year."</p>
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## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to use adjectives in simple sentences.

Persian	English	Important Notes
<p><b>Phrase 1</b></p> <p>آمریکاییم.</p>	<p><b>I'm American.</b></p>	<p>In Persian by adding ی to the name of the country you can make the "nationality" adjective of that country.</p>
<p>Word 1</p> <p>آمریکایی</p>	<p>American</p>	



Word 2	م	I'm	You need to link the ی (ye) and the following a in am. That's you have the ye sound;
Phrase 2	گرسنمه.	I'm hungry.	This sentence is only colloquial.
Word 1	گرسنمه.	I'm hungry.	
Phrase 3	ما سردمونه.	We are cold.	This sentence is only colloquial.
Word 1	ما	we	
Word 2	سردمونه.	are cold	This sentence is only colloquial.
Phrase 4	تو خوشگلی.	You're pretty.	Used as a complement only for girls! For boys you can use <i>khosh ghiyaafeh</i> خوش قیافه which means "good-looking."
Word 1	تو	You	
Word 2	خوشگل	pretty	
Word 3	ی	are	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Be careful with negative adjectives like چاق (*chaagh*) meaning "fat", زشت (*zesht*) meaning "ugly" and کچل (*kachal*) meaning "bald". Try not to use them at all!

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #10 Asking How Much Something Costs

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# 10

## PERSIAN

1. این چنده؟
2. قیمت این چقدره؟
3. اکی، بر میدارمش.
4. نه، ممنون. خیلی گرونه.

## ENGLISH

1. How much is this?
2. What is the price of this?
3. OK, I'll take it.
4. No, thanks. It's too expensive.

## ROMANIZATION

1. in chandeh?
2. gheymat-e in cheghadr-e?
3. okey, bar midaaramesh.
4. na, mamnoon. kheily gerooneh.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
این	in	this	pronoun
چند	chand	how much	interrogative
ه	eh	is	verb
ش	esh	it	pronoun
قیمت	gheymat	price	noun
اکی	okey	ok	interjection
بر میدارم	barmidaaram	I'll take	sentence
گرونه	gerooneh	expensive	adjective
نه	na	no	adverb
ممنون	mamnoon	thanks	adjective
خیلی	kheili	too	adjective

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>مادر بزرگم اینو بهم داد. maadar bozorgam ino behem daad.</p> <p>"My grandmother gave me this."</p>	<p>از این طرف باید رفت. Az in taraf baayad raft.</p> <p>"We have to go by this way."</p>
<p>قیمت این پالتو چنده؟ Gheymate in palto chandeh?</p> <p>"What is the price of this overcoat?"</p>	<p>آناناس اینجا خیلی گرونه. Ananas inja khili gerooneh.</p> <p>"Pineapple is very expensive here."</p>

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask how much something costs.

Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
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Phrase 1	informal	این چنده؟	How much is this?
Word 1		این	this
Word 2		چند	how much
Word 3		ه	is
<p>This is a speaking form of the verb "to be," boodan بودن for the third person singular. Instead of hast, which is sounds slightly formal, we can use eh.</p>			
Phrase 2	formal	قیمت این چقدره؟	What is the price of this?
Word 1		قیمت	price
Word 2		این	this
Word 3		چقدر	how much
Word 4		ه	is
Phrase 3		اکی، بر میدارمش.	OK, I'll take it.
Word 1		اکی	ok
<p>"OK" is one of the frequently-used words in our daily conversations.</p>			

Word 2	بر میدارم	I'll take	Like separatable phrasal verbs in English, the object pronoun of the verb ""bardaashtan"" برداشتن can come after ""bar"" or after ""daashtan""; ""bar midaaramesh"" بر میدارم ش or ""baresh midaram"" برش میدارم. As you see we don't use من ""man"" (I) when it's obvious who's speaking.
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Word 3	ش	it	
Phrase 4	نه، ممنون. خیلی گرونه.	No, thanks. It's too expensive.	
Word 1	نه	no	
Word 2	ممنون	thanks	
Word 3	خیلی	too	

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Word 4

گران expensive

Spoken form of  
geraan گران.  
Often the aa  
(written form)  
sound  
changes into  
oo (informal  
spoken form).  
Formal spoken  
forms are  
heard in the  
media like TV  
or radio.

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## CULTURAL INSIGHT

When negotiating prices, we usually don't directly say that something is too expensive. Most Iranians just don't give up asking for a better price! In Iran, in most shops you can bargain and ask for a discount. I hope you can master your Persian to be able to do so!

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #11

## How to Say Prices

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# 11



## PERSIAN

1. هزار تومن

2. ده ميليون

3. هزار و پونصد تومن

4. هفت هزار و دويست و پنجاه

## ENGLISH

1. One thousand toman.
2. Ten million.
3. Fifteen hundred toman.
4. Seven thousand, two hundred (and) fifty.

## ROMANIZATION

1. hezaar toman.
2. dah milyoon.
3. hezaar-o poonsad toman.
4. Haft hezaar-o divist-o panjaah

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
پنجاه	panjaah	fifty	numeral
هزار	hezaar	thousand	number
تومن.	toman	Toman	noun
ده	dah	ten	numeral
دویست	divist	two hundred	numeral
میلیون	milyoon	million	number
پونصد	poonsad	five hundred	phrase
هفت هزار	haft hezaar	seven thousand	numeral
و	o / va	and	conjunction

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>او بیشتر از ده ساعت خوابید!</p> <p>oo bishtar az dah saat khabid!</p> <p>He slept for more than ten hours!</p>	<p>درخت سیب حیاطمان دویست عدد سیب داد.</p> <p>derakhte sibe hayateman devist adad sib dad.</p> <p>The apple tree in our yard bore two hundred apples.</p>
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<p>لطفا کتاب و دفترت را بردار.</p> <p>lotfan ketaab va daftarat raa bardaar.</p> <p>Please pick up your book and notebook.</p>
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## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to read prices.

Persian	English	Important Notes
<p>Phrase 1</p> <p>هزار تومن</p>	<p>One thousand toman.</p>	<p>In informal spoken we drop "one".</p>

Word 1	هزار	thousand	
Word 2	تومن	Toman	aa in tomaan (written form) تومان changes into a, toman (informal spoken form) تومن.
Phrase 2	ده میلیون	Ten million.	In informal conversations you can always drop toman.
Word 1	ده	ten	
Word 2	میلیون	million	
Phrase 3	هزار و پونصد تومن	Fifteen hundred toman.	
Word 1	هزار	thousand	
Word 2	پونصد	five hundred	poonsad پونصد is the informal spoken form of paansad پانصد. You see the transformation of aa to oo sound.
Word 3		Toman	
Phrase 4	هفت هزار و دویست و پنجاه	Seven thousand, two hundred (and) fifty.	Unless in counting in English that you insert and and bewteen every three digits, in Persian you see the و between every two digits.
Word 1	هفت هزار	seven thousand	
Word 2	دویست	two hundred	Formal reading is devist.

Word 3	و	and
Word 4	پنجاه	fifty

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In Iran the official unit of currency is Rial. But people use Toman in their daily unofficial transactions. One Toman equals 10 Rials. But be careful when writing a cheque to use Rial!

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #12

## Asking What Someone is Doing

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# 12

## PERSIAN

1. داری چی کار میکنی؟

2. دارین چه کار می کنین؟

3. دارم درس میخونم.

4. کار خاصی نمی کنم.

## ENGLISH

1. What are you doing?
2. What are you doing?
3. I am studying.
4. I'm not doing anything special.

## ROMANIZATION

1. daari chi kaar mikoni?
2. daarin chi kaari mikonin?
3. daaram dars mikhoonam.
4. kaar-e khaas-si nemikonam.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
داری	daari	are you	helping verb
چی کار	chi kaar	what	interrogative
میکنی	mikoni	doing	verb
دارم	daaram	daaram	helping verb
دارین	daarin	are you	helping verb
چه کار	cheh kaar	what	interrogative
می کنین	mikonin	doing (polite)	verb
درس میخونم	dars	dars mikhoonam	phrase
کار خاصی	kaar-e khaas-si	anything special	
نمی کنم	nemikonam	I'm not doing	verb

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask and answer the question What are you doing?.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	informal	داری چی کار میکنی؟	What are you doing?	
Word 1		داری	are you	
Word 2		چی کار	what	Informal spoken form of <i>cheh kaar</i> چه کار. The word <i>kaar</i> کار means "job," "work" or "task." It's like "what task are you doing?"

Word 3		میکنی	doing	
Phrase 2	formal	دارین چه کار می کنین؟	What are you doing?	<i>daarid cheh kaar mikonid?</i> is the written form and can be used in more formal settings
Word 1		دارین	are you	
Word 2		چه کار	what	
Word 3		می کنین	doing (polite)	
Phrase 3		دارم درس میخونم.	I am studying.	
Word 1		دارم	daaram	
Word 2		درسمیخونم	dars mikhoonam	
Phrase 4		کار خاصی نمی کنم.	I'm not doing anything special.	
Word 1		کار خاصی	anything special	
Word 2		نمی کنم	I'm not doing	As you see the word <i>man</i> من meaning "I" in English has been omitted. The base form is <i>kardan</i> کردن.

## CULTURAL INSIGHT



Keep in mind that sometimes it might seem like prying into someone's affairs if you ask what they're doing at the wrong time and without the right tone.

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #13

## Who Is It?

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# # 13

# PERSIAN

1. کیه؟

2. اون کیه؟

3. منم.

4. اون یکی از دوستانمه.

# ENGLISH

1. Who is it?
2. Who is that?
3. It's me.
4. That is a friend of mine.

# ROMANIZATION

1. kiyeh?
2. oon kiyeh?
3. manam
4. oon yeki az doostaameh.

# VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
من	man	me	pronoun
م	am	I am	verb
یکی	yeki	one	numeral
از	az	of	preposition
دوستانم	doostaam	my friends	noun
کی	kay	who	interrogative
اون	oon	that	preposition
ه	eh	is	verb

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask who it is.

Persian	English	Important Notes
<b>Phrase 1</b>	<b>کیه؟ Who is it?</b>	
Word 1	کی who	
Word 2	ه is	
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>اون کیه؟ Who is that?</b>	Asking about somebody in a photo, you can say, in kiyeh? این کیه؟. In این means "this."

Word 1	اون	that	<i>Oon</i> is the informal spoken form of <i>aan</i> آن. It's used for both feminine and masculine. <i>Oon aaghaa</i> اون آقا meaning "that gentleman" or <i>oon khaanoom</i> اون خانوم meaning "that lady" are more formal.
Word 2	کی	who	
Word 3	ه	is	
Phrase 3	منم.	It's me.	
Word 1	من	me	
Word 2	م	I am	
Phrase 4	اون یکی از دوستانمه.	That is a friend of mine.	
Word 1	اون	That	
Word 2	یکی	one	
Word 3	از	of	
Word 4	دوستانم	my friends	Colloquial form of <i>doostaan-e man</i> دوستان من.

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In Iran, when you're answering the door using an intercom, you can say *baleh* بله meaning "yes?" *Baleh* is used for answering the phone, too, especially when you don't know who is on the other side.

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #14 When Are You Leaving?

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# 14

# PERSIAN

1. کی میری؟

2. کی میرین؟

3. دو ساعت دیگه.

4. هفته دیگه.

# ENGLISH

1. When are you leaving? (informal)
2. When are you leaving? (formal)
3. In two hours.
4. Next week.

# ROMANIZATION

1. key miri?
2. key mirin?
3. do saa'at-e digeh.
4. hafteyeh digeh.

# VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
دیگه	deigeh	another	adverb
هفته	hafteh	week	noun
دیگه	digeh	next	adverb
کی	kay	when	pronoun
میری	miri	are you leaving	verb
میرین	mirin	are you leaving (polite)	verb
دو	do	two	numeral
ساعت	saa'at	hour	noun

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>کی از خواب بیدار می شوید؟ Kay az khab bidar mishavid? "When do you wake up?"</p>	<p>من دیشب ده ساعت خوابیدم. man dishab dah saa'at khaabidam. I slept for ten hours last night.</p>
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## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask when someone is leaving.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	informal	کی میری؟	When are you leaving?	
Word 1		کی	when	
Word 2		میری	are you leaving	



Phrase 2	formal	کی میرین؟	When are you leaving?	You can also use key <i>mirid</i> کی می رید؟
Word 1		کی	when	
Word 2		میرین	are you leaving (polite)	
Phrase 3		دو ساعت دیگہ.	In two hours.	
Word 1		دو	two	
Word 2		ساعت	hour	
Word 3		دیگہ	another	Spoken form of <i>digar</i> دیگر.
Phrase 4		ہفتہ دیگہ.	Next week.	
Word 1		ہفتہ	week	
Word 2		دیگہ	next	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Make sure you don't ask this question when you've invited someone over! You don't want them to think they are imposing and that you want them to leave.

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #15 Where Are You Going?

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# # 15

## PERSIAN

1. کجا داری می ری؟
2. کجا دارین می رین؟
3. دارم میرم سوپر مارکت.
4. دارم میرم سر کار.

## ENGLISH

1. Where are you going? (informal)
2. Where are you going? (formal)
3. I'm going to the supermarket.
4. I'm going to work.

## ROMANIZATION

1. kojaa daari miri?
2. kojaa daarin mirin?
3. daaram miram sooper maarket.
4. daaram miram sar-e kaar.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
داری	daari	are you	helping verb
می ری	miri	going	verb
کجا	kojaa	where	adverb
دارم	daaram	I am (lit. have)	verb
میرم	mirin	going	helping verb
سوپر مارکت	sooper maarket	the supermarket	noun
دارم	daaram	I'm	verb
سر کار	sar-e kaar	to work	phrase

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

فردا شب کجا خواهید رفت؟

fardaa shab kojaa khaahid raft?

Where are you going tomorrow night?

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask where someone is going.

	Register	Persian	English
<b>Phrase 1</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>کجا داری می ری؟</b>	<b>Where are you going?</b>
Word 1		کجا	where
Word 2		داری	are you
Word 3		می ری	going
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>کجا دارین می رین؟</b>	<b>Where are you going?</b>

Word 1	کجا	where
Word 2	دارین	are you
Word 3	می رین	going
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>دارم میرم سوپر مارکت.</b>	<b>I'm going to the supermarket.</b>
Word 1	دارم	I am (lit. have)
Word 2	میرم	going
Word 3	سوپر مارکت	the supermarket
<b>Phrase 4</b>	<b>دارم میرم سر کار.</b>	<b>I'm going to work.</b>
Word 1	دارم	I'm
Word 2	میرم	going
Word 3	سر کار	to work

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

As we discussed in Lesson 12, sometimes it can seem like prying into someone's business if you don't ask this question at the right time or with the right tone. Especially when they answer that they are going "somewhere" (*yeh jai* - یه جایی), your next question shouldn't be "where?"

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #16

## Asking Directions

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# 16

## PERSIAN

1. ایستگاه کجاس؟

2. مستقیم برین.

3. بپیچید راست.

4. بپیچید چپ.

## ENGLISH

1. Where's the station?

2. Go straight.

3. Turn right.

4. Turn left.

## ROMANIZATION

1. istgaah kojaas?

2. mostaghim berin.

3. bepichid raast.

4. bepichid chap.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
ایستگاه	istgaah	the station	noun
کجا	kojaa	where	adverb
راست	rast	right	adverb
س	s	is	verb
مستقیم	mostaghim	straight	adverb
برین	berin	go	verb
بپیچید	bepichid	turn	
چپ	chap	left	adjective

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>فردا شب کجا خواهید رفت؟ fardaa shab kojaa khaahid raft?</p> <p>Where are you going tomorrow night?</p>	<p>مدرسه در کوچه سمت راست است. Madreseh dar kooche-ye samt-e raast ast.</p> <p>"The school is on the street to the right."</p>
<p>احزاب چپ در انتخابات پیروز شدند. Ahzabe chap dar entekhabat pirouz shodand.</p> <p>"Left wing parties won the elections."</p>	

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask and understand basic directions.

Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	ایستگاه کجا س؟	Where's the station?	
Word 1	ایستگاه	the station	



Word 2		کجا	where	
Word 3		س	is	Spoken form of است ast.
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>مستقیم برین.</b>	<b>Go straight.</b>	
Word 1		مستقیم	straight	
Word 2		برین	go	
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>بپیچید راست.</b>	<b>Turn right.</b>	
Word 1		بپیچید	turn	From پیشیدن pichidan which means "to turn".
Word 2		راست	right	
<b>Phrase 4</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>بپیچید چپ.</b>	<b>Turn left.</b>	
Word 1		بپیچید	turn	
Word 2		چپ	left	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Since you usually ask and answer for directions in situations involving strangers, it's better to use more formal language. But it's your personal choice and sometimes it's nice to be friendly. And also, you might not use formal speech when you're obviously the older one. In Iran, elderly people are addressed with formal language, but they don't need to use it when they're talking to people much younger than themselves.

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #17

## Why?

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# 17

## PERSIAN

1. چرا دیر کردی؟

2. به قطار نرسیدم.

3. چرا انقدر زود میری؟

4. که به قطار برسم.

## ENGLISH

1. Why are you late?
2. I couldn't catch the train.
3. Why do you leave so early?
4. To catch the train.

## ROMANIZATION

1. cheraa dir kardi?
2. beh ghataar naresidam.
3. cheraa enghad zood miri?
4. keh beh ghataar beresam.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
چرا	cheraa	why	adverb
دیر کردی	dir kardi	are you late	verb
به قطار	beh ghataar	the train	phrase
نرسیدم	naresidam	I didn't catch	verb
انقد	enghad	so	adverb
زود	zood	early	adverb
میری	miri	you leave	verb
که	keh	to	
برسم	beresam	catch	

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

چرا همراه نمی آیی؟

Cheraa hamraaham nemi aayi?

Why don't you come with me?

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask and answer why.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	informal	چرا دیر کردی؟	Why are you late?	
Word 1		چرا	why	

Word 2	دیر کردی	are you late	Past tense from <i>dir kardan</i> دیر کردن.
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>به قطار نرسیدم.</b>	<b>I couldn't catch the train.</b>	
Word 1	به قطار	the train	
Word 2	نرسیدم	I didn't catch	Past tense from <i>residan</i> رسیدن. Negative form with <i>na</i> ن at the beginning of the verb <i>residam</i> رسیدن.
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>informal چرا انقدر زود میری؟</b>	<b>Why do you leave so early?</b>	
Word 1	چرا	why	
Word 2	انقدر	so	Spoken form of <i>inghadr</i> اینقدر.
Word 3	زود	early	
Word 4	میری	you leave	Spoken form of <i>miravi</i> میروی.
<b>Phrase 4</b>	<b>که به قطار برسم.</b>	<b>To catch the train.</b>	
Word 1	که	to	Shortened form of <i>baraaye</i> in <i>keh</i> برای which means "because."
Word 2	به قطار	the train	

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Word 3

برسم catch

Imperative of  
*residan* رسیدن  
which means  
"to catch."

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## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In Iran, there are a lot of differences in customs and lifestyle that you might not understand. But the more you get to know the culture and its religious background, the less you'll be asking "why" something is the way it is.

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# 3-Minute Persian #18 Possession

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# 18

## PERSIAN

1. خودکار داری؟

2. خودکار دارید؟

3. آره...بیا.

4. بله...بفرمایین.

## ENGLISH

1. Do you have a pen? (informal)
2. Do you have a pen? (formal)
3. Yeah...there you go.
4. Yes, here you are.

## ROMANIZATION

1. khodkaar daari?
2. khodkaar daarin?
3. aareh...biyaa.
4. baleh...befarmaain.

## VOCABULARY



Persian	Romanization	English	Class
خودکار	khodkaar	pen	noun
دارین؟	daari	do you have	verb
دارین؟	daarin, daari	do you have (polite)	verb
آره	aareh	yeah	interjection
بیا	biyaa	there you go	verb
بله	bale, baleh	yes	interjection
بفرمایین	befarmaain	here you are	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>اگر مایل هستید کافی است بگوئید بله.          Agar mayel hastid kafi ast begooid baleh.          If you agree, it is enough to say yes.</p>	<p>بله، حتماً با من تماس بگیر.          Bale, hatman ba man tamas begir.          Yes, please do contact me.</p>
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## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to talk about possession.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
<b>Phrase 1</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>خودکار داری؟</b>	<b>Do you have a pen?</b>	
Word 1		خودکار	pen	
Word 2		داری	do you have	
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>خودکار دارین؟</b>	<b>Do you have a pen?</b>	
Word 1		خودکار	pen	

Word 2		دارین؟	do you have (polite)	
Phrase 3	informal	آره... بیا.	Yeah...there you go.	This is like you're saying "come and get (the pen)."
Word 1		آره	yeah	
Word 2		بیا	there you go	imperative second person singular of آمدن <i>aamadan</i> , "to come".
Phrase 4		بله... بفرمایین.	Yes, here you are.	
Word 1		بله	yes	
Word 2		بفرمایین	here you are	imperative of فرمودن <i>farmoodan</i> , very close to "please" in meaning.

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In Iran, it's not unusual for people to ask strangers for a pen, and smokers for a lighter. It may be a good occasion for you to practice Persian!

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #19

## Using Negation

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# 19

## PERSIAN

1. خودکار ندارم.

2. وقت ندارم

3. نمی دونم

4. نمی فهمم

## ENGLISH

1. I don't have a pen.

2. I don't have time.

3. I don't know.

4. I don't get it.

## ROMANIZATION

1. khodkaar nadaaram.

2. vaght nadaaram

3. nemidoonam

4. nemifahmam

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
خودکار	khodkaar	pen	noun
ندارم	nadaaram	I don't have	verb
وقت	vaght	time	noun
نمی دونم	nemidoonam	I don't know	
نمی فهمم	nemifahmam	I don't get it.	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

نمی دونم چگونه بروم پیش او.

Nemidoonam chegooneh beravam pishe oo.

"I don't know how to go to him."

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to state essential negative statements.

	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	خودکار ندارم.	I don't have a pen.	To answer yes/no questions, and in informal settings, you can simply say: <i>na nadaaram</i> ("No, I don't") or <i>na</i> ("No") and there's no need to repeat the object of the sentence.
Word 1	خودکار	pen	
Word 2	ندارم	I don't have	
Phrase 2	وقت ندارم	I don't have time.	

Word 1	وقت	time
Word 2	ندارم	I don't have
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>نمی دونم</b>	<b>I don't know.</b>
Word 1	نمی دونم	I don't know.
<b>Phrase 4</b>	<b>نمی فهمم</b>	<b>I don't get it.</b>
Word 1	نمی فهمم	I don't get it.

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

"I don't know," or *nemidoonam* نمی دونم, in Persian, is an expression that is rarely heard. There is a funny saying that Iranians usually don't want to admit their ignorance.

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #20 Talking about Your Likes

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# 20

## PERSIAN

1. شکلات دوست داری؟

2. شیرینی جات دوست داری؟

3. بله دوست دارم.

4. بله که دوست دارم.

## ENGLISH

1. Do you like chocolate?

2. Do you like sweets?

3. Yes, I do.

4. Yes, I do like them.

## ROMANIZATION

1. shokolaat doost daari?

2. shirinijaat doost daari?

3. baleh doost daaram

4. beleh keh doost daaram.

## VOCABULARY



Persian	Romanization	English	Class
دوست دارم	doost daaram	I like	verb
که دوست دارم	keh doost daaram	I do like	phrase
شکلات	shokolaat	chocolate	noun
دوست داری؟	doost daari	do you like	verb
شیرینی جات	shirinijaat	sweets	noun
بله	bale, baleh	yes	interjection

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>اکثر مردم شکلات دوست دارند!</p> <p>Aksareh mardom shokolat doost darand!</p> <p>"Most people like chocolate!"</p>	<p>آیا شیرینی جات سنتی ایران را می شناسید؟</p> <p>Aayaa shirinijat-e sonnati-ye iraan raa mishenaasid?</p> <p>Do you know the traditional Iranian sweets?</p>
<p>اگر مایل هستید کافی است بگوئید بله.</p> <p>Agar mayel hastid kafi ast begood baleh.</p> <p>If you agree, it is enough to say yes.</p>	<p>بله، حتماً با من تماس بگیر.</p> <p>Bale, hatman ba man tamas begir.</p> <p>Yes, please do contact me.</p>

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask and answer affirmatively to the question.

Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
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**Phrase 1**

شکلات دوست  
داری؟

Do you like  
chocolate?

You might hear native speakers drop the *t* sound in *doost*, when it's not attached to any other word at the end.

Word 1	شکلات	chocolate
Word 2	دوست داری؟	do you like
<b>Phrase 2</b>	شیرینی جات دوست داری؟	<b>Do you like sweets?</b>
Word 1	شیرینی جات	sweets
Word 2	دوست داری	do you like
<b>Phrase 3</b>	بله دوست دارم.	<b>Yes, I do.</b>
Word 1	بله	yes
Word 2	دوست دارم	I like
<b>Phrase 4</b>	informal بله که دوست دارم.	<b>Yes, I do like them.</b>
Sometimes you want to emphasize and this <i>keh</i> که after <i>baleh</i> will do.		
Word 1	بله	yes

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Word 2

که دوست دارم I do like

We actually don't use any pronouns in such short answers. So you don't see anything referring to "them" in the Persian translation.

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## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Like any other place in the world, people in Iran may say they like something when they don't really mean it, so as not to offend the other person; like when you receive something as a present, for example.

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #21 Talking about Your Dislikes

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# 21

## PERSIAN

1. اینو دوست ندارم.
2. انتظار کشیدنو دوست ندارم.
3. از این متنفرم.
4. از انتظار کشیدن متنفرم.

## ENGLISH

1. I don't like this.
2. I don't like waiting.
3. I hate this.
4. I hate waiting.

## ROMANIZATION

1. in-o doost nadaaram.
2. entezaar keshidan-o doost nadaaram.
3. az in motenaf-feram.
4. az entezaar keshidan motenaf-feram.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
متنفرم	motenaf-feram	I hate	verb
این	in	this	pronoun
و	o	object marker	object marker
دوست ندارم	doost nadaaram	I don't like	verb
انتظار کشیدن	entezaar keshidan	waiting	phrase, noun
از	az	from	preposition

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>من از خوردن داروهای مایع متنفرم.</p> <p>man az khordan-e daarooahaaye maaye motanaferam.</p> <p>I hate drinking liquid medicines.</p>	<p>مادربزرگم اینو بهم داد.</p> <p>maadar bozorgam ino behem daad.</p> <p>My grandmother gave me this.</p>
<p>از این طرف باید رفت.</p> <p>Az in taraf baayad raft.</p> <p>"We have to go this way."</p>	<p>آتش بازی را دوست ندارم.</p> <p>Aatash baazi-y-e raa doost nadaaram.</p> <p>I do not like fireworks.</p>
<p>من واقعاً بوی اطاق با امکان سیگار کشیدن را دوست ندارم.</p> <p>man vaaqe'an booye otaa'q ba emkaan sigar keshidan raa doost nadaaram.</p> <p>I really don't like the smell of a smoking room.</p>	<p>مغازه از ساعت 9 صبح باز است.</p> <p>maqaa'ze az noh-e sobh baaz ast.</p> <p>The store is open from 9 AM.</p>
<p>من از ایران آمده ام.</p> <p>Man az Iran amade am.</p> <p>I came from Iran.</p>	<p>از خود پرداز پول گرفتم.</p> <p>Az khodpardaz pool gereftam.</p> <p>I got money from the ATM.</p>

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to say that you don't like something.

	Persian	English	Important Notes
<b>Phrase 1</b>	<b>اینو دوست ندارم.</b>	<b>I don't like this.</b>	In Persian direct object is followed by <i>را</i> <i>raa</i> , that is the object marker. It changes to <i>رو</i> <i>ro</i> or <i>و</i> <i>o</i> in speaking.
Word 1		این this	
Word 2		و object marker	
Word 3	دوست ندارم	I don't like	
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>انتظار کشیدن دوست ندارم.</b>	<b>I don't like waiting.</b>	Like means <i>doost daashtan</i> دوست داشتن. Negative form is <i>doost nadaashtan</i> دوست نداشتن.
Word 1	انتظار کشیدن	waiting	Gerunds and infinitives in English have the same equivalent in Persian.
Word 2		و object marker	
Word 3	دوست ندارم	I don't like	
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>از این متنفرم.</b>	<b>I hate this.</b>	
Word 1		از from	<i>az</i> / <i>is</i> a preposition in Persian and here <i>in</i> / <i>is</i> its complement
Word 2		این this	

Word 3	متنفرم	I hate
<b>Phrase 4</b>	<b>از انتظار کشیدن متنفرم.</b>	<b>I hate waiting.</b>
Word 1	از	from
Word 2	انتظار کشیدن	waiting
Word 3	متنفرم	I hate

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Iranians don't talk much about the things they don't like. Iranian culture is more conservative and values suppressing negative emotions.



## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #22

## Ordering at a Restaurant

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# # 22

## PERSIAN

1. میتونم منو رو ببینم؟
2. شما چی پیشنهاد میکنین؟
3. یه قهوه برای من.
4. من یه قهوه میخوام، لطفا.

## ENGLISH

1. Can I see the menu?
2. What do you recommend?
3. A coffee for me.
4. I'd like a coffee, please.

## ROMANIZATION

1. mitoonam menoo ro bebinam?
2. shomaa chi pishnaahaad mikonin?
3. yeh ghahveh baraay-e man.
4. man yeh ghahveh mikhaam lotfan.

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
من	man	I'd	pronoun
میتونم	mitoonam	can	helping verb
منو	menoo	the menu	phrase
رو	ro	object marker	object marker
بینم	bebinam	I see	verb
شما	shomaa	you	pronoun
چی	chi	what	pronoun
پیشنهاد میکنم	pishnaahaad mikonin	recommend	verb
یه	yeh	a	noun
قهوه	ghahveh	coffee	noun
برای	baraaye, baraay-e	for	preposition
لطفا	lotfan	please	adverb
میخوام	mikhaam	like	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>الو، سلام، میتونم با آنا صحبت کنم؟ alo, salaam, mitoonam baa aanaa sohbat konam?</p> <p>Hello, can I speak to Anna?</p>	<p>منوی این رستوران خیلی خوب است. Menuye in restoran kheili khoob ast.</p> <p>This restaurant's menu is good.</p>
<p>امیدوارم باز هم شما را بینم. Omidvaram baz ham shoma ra bebinam</p> <p>"I hope I see you again."</p>	<p>شما دعوت هستید. shomaa da'vat hastin.</p> <p>You are invited.</p>
<p>من خوبم، شما چطورید؟ Man khubam, shoma chetorid?</p> <p>I'm fine, how about you?</p>	<p>شما چه تاریخی به ایران آمدید؟ Shoma che tarikhi be Iran amadid?</p> <p>"What date did you come to Iran?"</p>

<p>ظهر چی می خوری؟ Zohr chi mikhori?</p> <p>"What did you eat at noon?"</p>	<p>از چی بیشتر خوشتان آمد؟ Az chi bishtar khoshetan amad?</p> <p>"What was your favorite?"</p>
<p>صبح ها همیشه قهوه می نوشتم. Sobh haa hamisheh ghahve minoosham.</p> <p>"In the morning, I drink coffee."</p>	<p>امروز برای تنوع در رستوران شام خوردیم. ا Emrooz baraa-ye tanawvove dar restooraan shaam khordim.</p> <p>For a treat, we had dinner in a restaurant today.</p>
<p>لطفا مرا کمک کنید. Lotfan mara komak konid.</p> <p>"Please help me."</p>	<p>می توانید لطفا میز را کنار بزنید؟ Mitavaanid lotfan miz ra کنار bezanid?</p> <p>"Could you please put the table aside."</p>

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to order at a restaurant or coffee shop.

Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
Phrase 1	میتونم منو رو ببینم؟	Can I see the menu?	
Word 1	میتونم	Can	The infinitive is <i>tavaanestan</i> توانستن .
Word 2	منو	the menu	
Word 3	رو	object marker	
Word 4	ببینم	I see	
Phrase 2	informal شما چی پیشنهاد میکنین؟	What do you recommend?	

Word 1	شما	you	This question although a bit informal is still polite with adding <i>shomaa</i> at the beginning.
Word 2	چی	what	Spoken form of <i>cheh chizi</i> چه چیزی.
Word 3	پیشنهاد میکنین	recommend	
Phrase 3	یه قهوه برای من.	A coffee for me.	
Word 1	یه	a	Spoken form of <i>yek</i> .
Word 2	قهوه	coffee	
Word 3	برای	for	
Word 4	من	me	
Phrase 4	من یه قهوه میخوام، لطفا.	I'd like a coffee, please.	
Word 1	من	I'd	
Word 2	یه	a	
Word 3	قهوه	coffee	
Word 4	میخوام	like	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In Iran, it's neither common nor customary to leave tips, so you don't have to figure out how much you should pay the waiter... But if you really want to show your gratitude, you can leave

a tip and I'm sure that the waiter will appreciate it!

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #23

## Asking for the Bill

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# 23

## PERSIAN

1. میشه صورت حسابو بیارین، لطفا؟

2. صورت حسابو کجا باید پرداخت کنم؟

3. ببخشید، بقیه پولو اشتباهی دادین.

4. بقیه پولو نمیخوام.

## ENGLISH

1. Can you bring the bill, please?
2. Where do I pay the bill?
3. Excuse me, you gave me the wrong change.
4. I don't want the change.

## ROMANIZATION

1. misheh soorat hesaab-o biyaarin, lotfan?
2. soorat hesaab-o kojaa baayad pardaakht konam.
3. bebakhshid, baghiyey-e pool-o eshtebaahi daadin.
4. Baghiyey-e pool-o nemikhaam.

## VOCABULARY



Persian	Romanization	English	Class
صورت حساب	soorat hesaab-o	the bill	phrase
میشه	misheh	is it possible	verb, helping verb
صورت حساب	soorat- hesaab	bill	phrase
و	o	object marker	object marker
بیارین	biyaarin	bring	main verb
لطفا	lotfan	please	adverb
کجا	kojaa	where	adverb
باید	baayad	have to	verb/adverb
اشتباهی	eshtebaahi	wrong	adverb
دادین	daadin	give (me)	verb
پرداخت کنم	pardaakht konam	I pay	verb
بخشید	bebakhshid	excuse me	phrase
بقیه پول	baghiyey-e pool	the change	phrase
نمیخوام	nemikhaam	I don't want	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>میشه لطفا جاتون را به او بدهید؟ Mishe lotfan jatoon ra be oo bedahid?</p> <p>"Could you please offer your seat to her?"</p>	<p>لطفا مرا کمک کنید. Lotfan mara komak konid.</p> <p>"Please help me."</p>
<p>می توانید لطفا میز را کنار بزنید؟ Mitavaanid lotfan miz ra کنار bezanid?</p> <p>"Could you please put the table aside."</p>	<p>فردا شب کجا خواهید رفت؟ fardaa shab kojaa khaahid raft?</p> <p>Where are you going tomorrow night?</p>
<p>بخشید، ایستگاه قطار کجاست؟ bebakhshid, istgaah-e qataar kojaast?</p> <p>Excuse me, where is the train station?</p>	

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask for the bill and check the change.

	Persian	English	Important Notes
<b>Phrase 1</b>	<b>میشه صورت حسابو بیارین، لطفا؟</b>	<b>Can you bring the bill, please?</b>	The other option is <i>صورت حساب، لطفا!</i> <i>soorat hesaab lotfan</i> , "Check, please!"
Word 1	میشه	is it possible	
Word 2	صورت حساب	bill	
Word 3	و	object marker	
Word 4	بیارین	bring	Spoken form of <i>biyaavarid</i> بیاورید.
Word 5	لطفا	please	
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>صورت حسابو کجا باید پرداخت کنم؟</b>	<b>Where do I pay the bill?</b>	
Word 1	صورت حساب	bill	
Word 2	و	object marker	
Word 3	کجا	where	
Word 4	باید	have to	
Word 5	پرداخت کنم	I pay	
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>بخشید، بقیه پولو اشتباهی دادین.</b>	<b>Excuse me, you gave me the wrong change.</b>	
Word 1	بخشید	excuse me	
Word 2	بقیه پول	the change	
Word 3	و	object marker	
Word 4	اشتباهی	wrong	

Word 5	دادین	give (me)	From the infinitive دادن <i>daadan</i> , "to give."
Phrase 4	بقیه پولو نمیخوام.	I don't want the change.	
Word 1	بقیه پول	the change	
Word 2	و	object marker	
Word 3	نمیخوام	I don't want	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In most restaurants, you can pay by cash or local credit or debit cards. But, it's always safe to ask about the payment method.

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #24 Offering an Invitation

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# 24

## PERSIAN

1. جمعه شب برنامه ای داری؟

2. جمعه شب برنامه ای دارین؟

3. میخوام برم سینما.

4. تو هم میای؟

## ENGLISH

1. Do you have any plans on Friday night? (informal)
2. Do you have any plans on Friday night? (formal)
3. I'm going to the movies.
4. Will you join?

## ROMANIZATION

1. jom'e shab barnaamei daari?
2. jom'e shab barnaamei daarin?
3. mikhaam beram sinamaa.
4. to ham miyaay?

## VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
سینما	sinamaa	the movies	noun
جمعه	Jom-eh	Friday	noun
شب	shab	night	noun
برنامه	barnaame	plans	noun
ای	i	any	indefinite article
دارین؟	daari	do you have	verb
برنامه ای	barnaamei	any plans	phrase
دارین	daarin	do you have (polite)	verb
میخوام برم	mikhaam beram	I want to go to	phrase
تو	to	You	pronoun
هم	ham	too	adverb
میا	miyaay	join	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>روز جمعه خود را چگونه گذراندید؟  Rooz-e jom-eye khod raa chegoone  gozaraandid?</p> <p>How did you spend your Friday?</p>	<p>شب تاریک است.  Shab tarik ast.</p> <p>The night is dark.</p>
<p>برنامه ات برای این جمعه شب چیست؟  Barnaame-at barray-e in jom'e shab chist?</p> <p>What's your plan for this Friday night?</p>	<p>هر شب باید کار کنم.  Har shab baayad kaar konam.</p> <p>"I have to work every night."</p>

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to invite someone out.

	Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
<b>Phrase 1</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>جمعه شب برنامه ای داری؟</b>	<b>Do you have any plans on Friday night?</b>	
Word 1		جمعه	Friday	
Word 2		شب	night	
Word 3		برنامه	plans	
Word 4		ای	any	
Word 5		داری	do you have	
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>جمعه شب برنامه ای دارین؟</b>	<b>Do you have any plans on Friday night?</b>	
Word 1		جمعه	Friday	
Word 2		شب	night	
Word 3		برنامه ای	any plans	
Word 4		دارین	do you have (polite)	

In spoken Persian, the order of words in a sentence changes compared to the written form. You might write میخوام به موزه بروم. *mikhaaham beh moozeh beravam* "I'm going to the museum," but speaking you'd normally say میخوام برم موزه. *mikhaam beram moozeh.* Sometimes prepositions are dropped too.

### Phrase 3

میخوام برم سینما. I'm going to the movies.

Word 1		میخوام برم	I want to go to
Word 2		سینما	the movies
Phrase 4	informal	تو هم میای؟	Will you join?
			Another way of asking this question is تو هم میخوای بیای؟, <i>to ham mikhaay biyaay</i> , "Do you want to come (with me?)"
Word 1		تو	you



Word 2	هم	too
Word 3	میای	join

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

There's no nightlife like bars, discos, and casinos in Iran due to the religious restrictions. But, there are ethnic and local cafes and restaurants that are open until late evening in case you are planning to ask someone to hang out somewhere.

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Persian #25 On the Phone

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# PERSIAN

1. الو

2. رضا هستم.

3. میتونم با مینا صحبت کنم؟

4. بعدا دوباره تماس میگیرم.

# ENGLISH

1. Hello. (answering the phone)

2. This is Reza.

3. May I talk to Mina?

4. I'll get in touch again later.

# ROMANIZATION

1. alo.

2. rezaa hastam.

3. mitoonam baa minaa sohbat konam?

4. ba'dan dobaareh tamaas migiram.

# VOCABULARY

Persian	Romanization	English	Class
تماس میگیرم	tamaas migiram	I'll contact	verb
الو	alo	Hello	interjection
هستم	hastam	I'm	
رضا	rezaa	Reza	proper noun
صحبت کنم	sohbat konam	I talk	verb
میتونم	mitoonam	can	helping verb
با	ba	to	preposition
مینا	minaa	Minaa	proper noun
بعدا	ba'dan	later	adverb
دوباره	dobaareh	again	adverb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>الو، سلام، میتونم با آنا صحبت کنم؟</p> <p>alo, salaam, mitoonam baa aanaa sohbat konam?</p> <p>Hello, can I speak to Anna?</p>	<p>می‌شه یک بار دیگه بگید؟</p> <p>mishe yek baar-e digeh begid?</p> <p>Could you say that again?</p>
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دوباره رفتیم پیش دکتر.

Dobareh raftim pishe doctor.

"We went to the doctor again."

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to understand the basic vocabulary on the phone.

Register	Persian	English	Important Notes
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<b>Phrase 1</b>		الو	<b>Hello. (answering)</b>	
Word 1		الو	Hello	
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>formal</b>	رضا هستم.	<b>This is Reza.</b>	
Word 1		رضا	Reza	
Word 2		هستم	I'm	Here the equivalent Persian is the literal translation of "this is" which is "I am".
<b>Phrase 3</b>	<b>formal</b>	میتونم با مینا صحبت کنم؟	<b>May I talk to Mina?</b>	
Word 1		میتونم	can	Here may is the polite form of "can" but we still use the same verb in Persian.
Word 2		با	to	"To" is often translated to "beh" به. But here it is synonymous to "with".

Word 3

مینا Minaa

It's a female name. In more formal situations you add a title to the last name of that person. "Mr. آقای "Mrs. طاهری Bagheri" خانوم باقری. In Iran women don't change their family name to their husband's officially but they may be addressed by their husband's surname in formal situations such as in a parent-teacher conference at their child's school.

Word 4		صحبت کنم	I talk
Phrase 4	formal	بعداً دوباره تماس میگیرم.	I'll get in touch again later.
Word 1		بعداً	later
Word 2		دوباره	again
Word 3		تماس میگیرم	I'll contact

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

When answering the phone some people might also simply pick up and say *baleh* بله. And these days, with caller ID, since you can see who's calling you - for close friends, beloved ones, and families - Iranians might answer with the word *jaanam* جانم which literally means "my life" or "my spirit". Also, remember that, although speaking aloud on the phone in public places is not technically illegal, it can still be considered rude, especially if you're too loud. In some taxis, or doctor's offices, you might see a sign telling you that you can't speak on your cellphone.



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