



الفبای فارسی

The Persian Alphabet

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■ Persian alphabet

pronunciation	final (stand alone)	final (attached)	medial	initial
/a:/ ■ far	/alef/ ا	ا	ا	ا
/b/ bed	/be/ ب	ب	ب	ب
/p/ pet	/pe/ پ	پ	پ	پ
/t/ ten	/te/ ت	ت	ت	ت
/s/ set	/se/ ث	ث	ث	ث
/j/ jet	/ji:m/ ج	ج	ج	ج

¹ The letters which appear between // are those of the phonetic alphabet. The /a:/ represents the long vowel as in the English word 'far', whereas /a/ indicates the short vowel as in 'rap'. Please note that the initial *alef* can represent /a/, /e/, or /o/, depending on the short vowel it carries.

pronunciation	final (stand alone)	final(attached)	medial	initial
/č/ chat	/če/ چ	چ	چ	چ
/h/ hat	/he/ ح	ح	ح	ح
/x/ ² loch	/xe/ خ	خ	خ	خ
/d/ doll	/da:l/ د	د	د	د
/z/ zoo	/za:l/ ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ
/r/ ³ red	/re/ ر	ر	ر	ر
/z/ zoo	/ze/ ز	ز	ز	ز
/ž/ beige	/že/ ژ	ژ	ژ	ژ
/s/ set	/si:n/ س	س	س	س
/š/ shoe	/ši:n/ ش	ش	ش	ش
/s/ set	/sa:d/ ص	ص	ص	ص
/z/ zoo	/za:d/ ض	ض	ض	ض
/t/ ten	/ta:/ ط	ط	ط	ط
/z/ zoo	/za:/ ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ

² This sound is not very common in English; it is close to the final sound of the word "loch".

³ Persian /r/ is slightly different from the English /r/. Try rolling your tongue and you will get close to this sound!

pronunciation	final (stand alone)	final(attached)	medial	initial
/ʔ/ ⁴ bottle /bo'el/ (in Cockney accent)	/ʔeyn/ ع	ع	ع	ع
/ɣ/ glottal /g/	/ɣeyn/ غ	غ	غ	غ
/f/ fat	/fe/ ف	ف	ف	ف
/ɣ/ glottal /g/	/ɣa:f/ ق	ق	ق	ق
/k/ key	/ka:f/ ک	ک	ک	ک
/g/ go	/ga:f/ گ	گ	گ	گ
/l/ love	/la:m/ ل	ل	ل	ل
/m/ me	/mi:m/ م	م	م	م
/n/ net	/nu:n/ ن	ن	ن	ن
/v/ ⁵ valley	/va:v/ و	و	و	و
/h/ hat	/he/ ه	ه	ه	ه
/y/ ⁶ yes	/ye/ ی	ی	ی	ی

⁴ To get this sound when it is in medial position, pronounce it as Cockney speakers pronounce *bottle* (with a silent glottal stop /ʔ/).

⁵ This letter can also represent the short vowel /o/ and the long vowel /u:/, as in:

/to/ تو
/u:/ او

⁶ This letter can also represent the long vowel /i:/, as in:

/ʃi:r/ شیر
/fa:rsi:/ فارسی