

Alphabet - Lesson 8

Six more normal letters

We now deal with the last group of – let's say- “useful” Persian letters. After these six letters, you will have learnt 26 letters of the 32-letter Persian alphabet. The remaining 6 are used rather rarely and we will get to them at the end of this tutorial.

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| p | پ | پ |
| j | ج | ج |
| ch | چ | چ |
| s | س | س |
| sh | ش | ش |
| g | گ | گ |

The pronunciation of these letters should not be a challenge for an English speaker, since all these consonants exist in English as well. Try to read the below examples to get familiar with these new letters.

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|-----------------------|--------|-------|
| father | pedar | پدر |
| soup | sup | سوپ |
| jungle | jangal | جنگل |
| crown | tāj | تاج |
| China | chin | چین |
| clutch (in a vehicle) | kelāch | کِلاچ |
| cinema | sinamā | سینما |
| class | kelās | کِلاس |
| Chile | shili | شیلی |
| rug | farsh | فرش |
| group | goruh | گروه |
| death | marg | مرگ |

Hamza

Apart from the letter "ع" which sounds like a glottal stop, using hamza is another method for showing glottal stops in the middle and at the end of words.



As a beginner, you don't need to worry about choosing which form of hamza to use in different words. All you need to know is that they all sound like a glottal stop. The first form of hamza is not joined to its surrounding letters and is used very rarely.

object, thing shei' شَيْءٌ

realistic re'āl رِئَالٌ

question So'āl سُؤَالٌ

vote ra'y رَأْيٌ