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What do you need to learn Persian for?

Learning the Persian language is the key to understanding the Iranian culture. It helps you to communicate in daily life situations, work, travel, socializing and so on. Many locals speak English, of course, but you will soon find that speaking even just a little Persian opens up for communication everywhere you go.

Which method to use?

Most educational material in the market is focused to learning Persian for academic purposes. Most expats, however, have more basic needs and find no use for advanced grammar or complex literary exercises. The materials I use are among the most up-to-date in the market and focus on the spoken Persian as it is used in daily life situations. Furthermore, learning the Persian alphabet is recommended, but optional, since the material I use allows you to learn the language in transcription as well.



Why choose a foreigner as Persian teacher?

There may be some advantages in using a native speaker as teacher. However, since I am a foreigner myself, I have at some time faced all the questions and problems you may encounter when learning the language and therefore find myself more capable of understanding your needs and of putting myself in your shoes. Needless to say, I speak Persian fluently.

What's in the package?

Each package consists of 10 lessons (90 minutes each) of one-on-one tutoring. The tuition is tailor-made to fit your needs, whether you want a thorough grasp of the language or just to be able to ask for directions, call a cab or order in a restaurant. The classes can be held in your home or at your workplace.

Who am I?

I graduated as MA in Persian Language and Culture in 2000 from the University of Copenhagen, and since then, I have been teaching Persian at university level as well as privately. I have lived in Iran since 2005 and have a solid experience in meeting the needs of students from all over the world. My spare time is used exploring the beautiful country and I also work as a tour leader.

And what are the terms?

- The material I use is a book by Abdi Rafiee: Colloquial Persian (publ. Routledge), which can be acquired through www.amazon.co.uk and from time to time locally (at Zabankadeh Publications, Enqelab Sq., tel. 021-66402367) as offset copy. Audio CDs are also available. The cost of the material is undertaken by the student(s).
- The cost is 1,500,000 IRR per lesson for individual classes, and 2,000,000 IRR for 2 to 10 students in a class. The price may change due to inflation etc. The fee may also be paid in Euro or US\$.
- I am flexible as to the scheduling, and if you wish, it is possible to arrange a regular schedule as well.
- The packages are paid in advance. I can supply an invoice if necessary.
- Cancellations later than 12 hours before the scheduled time of the class will be charged. I do not refund classes that are cancelled (earlier than 12 hours before) but it is of course possible to reschedule.

How do we begin?

Contact me on <u>evalucie@gmail.com</u> for more information.