

LESSON NOTES

# Learn Persian in Three Minutes #1

## Self Introductions

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## The Focus of this Lesson is Self-introductions in Persian

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### Topic 1: How to introduce yourself in an informal way

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Sentence from the lesson:

'سلام, من ساره ام. از دیدنت خوشوقتم.'  
*Salām, man Sāre-am. Az didanet khoshvaqtam.*  
"Hi, I'm Sareh. Nice to meet you."

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2. Start by saying: *Salām...*  
Then, say *man* ("I"), your name, and then *-am*, which means "to be" or "I am," and completes the sentence.  
Persian word order is different than English.  
Word for word, this literally means: "Hi, I - Sareh- am."
3. Finally, say *Az didanet khoshvaqtam*.  
This means "Nice to meet you."

### Topic 2: How to introduce yourself in a formal way

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Sentence from the lesson:

'سلام, من ساره هستم. از دیدن شما خوشوقتم.'  
*Salām, man Sāre hastam. Az didan-e shomā khoshvaqtam.*  
"Hello, I'm Sareh. Nice to meet you"

1. Here, the informal *Man Sāre-am* has turned into *Man Sāreh hastam*.  
In both cases, *Man* stands for "I" or "me."  
There is also *hastam* meaning "I am" added at the end of the formal introduction, instead of just *-am*.  
*-am* is actually the short, informal way of saying *hastam*.  
Also, during a formal self-introduction, we usually only say our last name, so I said *Man Sāre hastam*.
2. Pay attention to how "Nice to meet you" changes—we went from *Az didanet khoshvaqtam* to *Az didan-e shomā khoshvaqtam*.  
Here, *didanet* and *didan-e shomā* are different.  
*Didanet* is used when speaking informally to only one person.  
It is formed by adding *-et* meaning "your..." to the end of *didan* which mean "seeing/meeting."  
In the formal version, instead of *-et*, we add *-e shomā*.  
*Shomā* is the formal word for "you" and can be used whether you're speaking to one person or a group of people.

## Language Tip

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When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands in Persian culture, and if you are not sure whether to use *Az didanet khoshvaqtam* or *Az didan-e shomā khoshvaqtam*, you can simply say *khoshvaqtam*.

However, if you use the full, correct sentence with Persian people, they're definitely going to be impressed!

### [Correction Note]

In the video at:

[00:20][00:54][01:01][01:37][01:41][02:41][03:31][03:50] the instructor says [از دیدنت خوشبختم]. *az didanet khoshbakhtam.*] =>, but should have said [از دیدنت خوشوقتتم]. *az didanet khoshvaqtam.*]

and at:

[01:49][02:05][02:51][03:37][03:53] the instructor says

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and finally, at:

[03:56] the instructor says [خوشبختم]. *khoshbakhtam.*] =>, but should have said [خوشوقتتم]. *khoshvaqtam.*]