

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Learn Persian in Three Minutes #1

## Self Introductions

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Salām, man Anita-am. Az didanet khoshvaqtam. Hi, I'm Anita. Nice to meet you.

In this series, we're going to learn basic Persian expressions. It's super easy and it only takes 3 minutes!

In this lesson, you will learn how to introduce yourself in Persian. There are only two sentences you need to learn, but first, it is important to clarify that in Persian there is a difference between formal and informal language.

First let's see how Persian people introduce themselves in an \*informal\* situation.

Salām, man Anita-am. Az didanet khoshvaqtam. "Hi, I'm Anita. Nice to meet you."

[slowly] Salām, man Anita-am. Az didanet khoshvaqtam.

Start by saying: Salām which means "Hi".

Then, say man -- I --, your name, and then -am, which means "to be" or "am."

Salām, man Anita-am.

Persian word order is different than English. Word for word, this literally means: "Hi, I - Anita- am."

Finally, say Az didanet khoshvaqtam. This means "Nice to meet you."

Salām, man Anita-am. Az didanet khoshvaqtam.

Now let's look at the same sentence in formal speech:

Salām, man Anita hastam. Az didan-e shomā khoshvaqtam. "Hello, I'm Anita. Nice to meet you."

[slowly] Salām, Man Anita hastam. Az didan-e shomā khoshvaqtam.

So, what has changed from the informal introduction?

Let's take a closer look.

The informal Man Anita-am has turned into Man Anita hastam. In both cases, Man stands for "I" or "me." Hastam means "am", and it's added to the end of the formal introduction, instead of just -am.

-am is actually just the short version of hastam, which is the "to be" verb conjugated for the first person.

Finally, 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 meaning "Seeing" or "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.

Once again: the informal way to introduce yourself in Persian is Salām, man Anita-am. Az didanet khoshvaqtam.

The formal way to introduce yourself is

Salām, man Anita hastam. Az didan-e shomā khoshvaqtam.

Now it's time for Anita's Advice.

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!

Do you know how to say "thank you" in Persian? You'll learn how to say this and many other words in the next lesson. Khodāfez!