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Tomatoes

Persian transcript:

مریم: این گوجه فرنگی است. گوجه فرنگی...

مینا: چرا می گویی گوجه فرنگی؟

مریم: برای اینکه این گوجه تو ایران نبوده است هیچ وقت. این از فرنگ آمده است... از کشور... هیچ اسمی هم نداشتند... گوجه...

نمی دانم چه جور شده است که گوجه انتخاب کردند. ریشه اش را خبر ندارم ولی می دانم که فقط نگفتند به آن گوجه چون گوجه های دیگری هم توی ایران است مثل آلوچه و این چیز هارا آنها را هم می گویند.

English translation:

Miriam: This is a tomato¹ ...tomato.

Mina: Why are you saying “foreign plum”?

Miriam: Because this tomato was never in Iran. This has come from outside... from [some] country... and they had no name... “plum”... I don’t know what happened that they chose “plum.” I have no news of its origin but I know that they haven’t just called that “plum” because there are also other “plums” in Iran. For example, there are little plums.² And they call [these other plums by that word as well].

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¹ Lit., “foreign plum.”

² She is referring to sour, unripe, yellow plums that are a popular fruit in Iran.