**Online Resources for Urdu**

Dictionaries:

* John T. Platts Urdu Dictionary (<http://plattsdictionary.com/>)
  + A classic. Some of the words have more modern meanings now, often literal translations of English phrases. But this is still the best resource for finding just about any Urdu word you encounter, especially the difficult ones from Arabic and Farsi that aren’t as common.

News:

* *Siasat* (<https://urdu.siasat.com/>)
  + This Indian website features articles usually written in well-edited Urdu with a minimum of English words. The articles tend to be very fact-based and not too detailed, but make for good reading practice. The paper is based in Hyderabad in Southeast India.
* *Jang* (<https://jang.com.pk/>)
  + This newspaper is very widely read in Pakistan. The articles are mostly fact-based reporting and tend to be short and informative. You can select news from different regions of the country and in a variety of categories. There is also a lot of opinion writing from authors of various opinions that can be fun to read.
* *Geo News* (<https://urdu.geo.tv/>)
  + Popular Pakistani news site. Has fact-based articles and opinion pieces. Also has a videos of live newscasts and a radio stream that can be listened to.
* *The Wire – Urdu* (<http://thewireurdu.com/>)
  + A left of center Indian paper that releases an Urdu edition. There are articles on topics such as science, politics, and social issues. Videos are occasionally released too.
* *BBC Urdu* (<http://www.bbc.com/urdu>)
  + You can find many interesting articles about everything from world events to scientific discoveries here, much like in the English edition of the BBC. There are also occasional opinion pieces and political cartoons.

Literature:

* *Rekhta* (<https://rekhta.org/>)
  + This website contains huge amounts of Urdu poetry, essays, short stories, and all other kinds of literature. You can switch between Urdu script, transliteration, and the Hindi script. If you click on the words you don’t know in a poem, the English definition will pop up. There are also links to videos of musical performances and recitations of the poetry for some of the more famous works.

TV/Movies:

* Many older and more popular Bollywood films (which tend to have a lot more ‘Urdu’ words) and Pakistani serials can be found in their entirety on YouTube. Music videos and individual scenes from more recent movies can be found as well.
* *Eros Now* (<http://erosnow.com/welcome>)
  + Eros is one of the major distributors of Bollywood films. On this website you can access many of the shows and movies for free (especially slightly older ones) if you make an account. Essentially a Netflix for South Asian TV and movies. There are lots of Pakistani TV shows to be found here too.

Radio/Podcasts:

* *Urdu Adab* (<https://player.fm/series/urdu-adab>)
  + A podcast that seeks to spread knowledge about Urdu culture and literature. Dr. S. Naqvi dramatically reads literary works in Urdu for listeners to gain an appreciation of the vast literature of Urdu.
* *To the Point with Mansoor Ali Khan* (<https://player.fm/series/to-the-point-with-mansoor-ali-khan>)
  + A famous Pakistani news anchor discusses current events and interviews experts and those involved in whatever is going on in Pakistan.
* There is a selection of other podcasts on this page: <https://player.fm/podcasts/Urdu>.