Mentored Persian Study Guide 1

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# Materials for This Study Guide

* Five College Persian Manual I
  + Lesson 1, pp. 3-25
* FCLangMedia YouTube channel:
  + [Pronouncing and Writing the Persian Alphabet](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74Np5q55OHE&index=1&list=PLBv6B6E0IuHismbnmNLTI8wTbMLyUN40C)
  + [How to connect Persian characters- Part I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsAhOF1lu6c&index=2&list=PLBv6B6E0IuHismbnmNLTI8wTbMLyUN40C)
  + [How to connect Persian characters- Part II](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3J7JNO-E1vQ&index=3&list=PLBv6B6E0IuHismbnmNLTI8wTbMLyUN40C)
  + [Persian Grammar: Short Vowels a, e, o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OK2-cgoZK0Q&index=5&list=PLBv6B6E0IuHismbnmNLTI8wTbMLyUN40C)
  + [Persian Grammar: Long Vowels ā, ī, ū](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfyy12LRGt4&list=PLBv6B6E0IuHismbnmNLTI8wTbMLyUN40C&index=6)
* [[Persian Dictation Exercises](https://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/exercises_all/57/1/189654)](https://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/exercises_all/57/1/189654)
  + Dictations 1a and 1b.

# Assignments for Independent Study

## Learning to Read and Write

* Work through *Five College Persian Manual* *I*, Lesson 1, pp. 3-25. Take note of the opening notes that point out the main characteristics of the Persian alphabet.
* Make flashcards or otherwise note down the sounds of the letters as you go. This chapter presents a lot of letters and ideas at once, so you will want to review them after initially reading through the information.
* Pay special attention to which letters join to the next and which don’t. The non-joining letters are much fewer. Which ones are they? (you can check pg. 22 where they are listed as well)
* Note the chart on pg. 23. There are many letters that sound the same. If you aren’t sure which one of them to use, it is best to use the characters on the *right* of this list. The other letters are used mainly to write words from Arabic.
* Once you have studied then reviewed the letters a couple of times, try to read the passages on pp. 23-24 for practice. You will also do this with your mentor.
  + **HAND IN:** Go to the list of letters and joined forms on pp. 7-8. Write out the forms yourself, and write the name of the letter next to the various forms.
* You can also support your study of this information by watching the following videos where the concepts are illustrated and explained:
  + [Pronouncing and Writing the Persian Alphabet](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74Np5q55OHE&index=1&list=PLBv6B6E0IuHismbnmNLTI8wTbMLyUN40C)
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  + [Persian Grammar: Long Vowels ā, ī, ū](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfyy12LRGt4&list=PLBv6B6E0IuHismbnmNLTI8wTbMLyUN40C&index=6)

## Practicing Reading and Writing

* Go to [Persian Dictation Exercises](https://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/exercises_all/57/1/189654).
  + **HAND IN:** Carefully listen to dictations 1a and 1b. Now, listen again and write down what you hear. Do it for a third time as well, and check what you have written with the available PDF on the website. Check your own work to receive full credit.

# Conversation Session Preparation Guide

* Be prepared to test your knowledge of the alphabet in all forms – written, spoken, comprehended.
* Be prepare to read the passages and words in *Five College Persian Manual* *I*, Lesson 1.
* Be prepared to read any Persian word you have seen in your text lessons this week.
* Be prepared to identify vowels and their sounds.
* Be prepared to explain alphabet issues in English.
* Be prepared to respond to your conversation partner’s simple commands.

# Homework to Hand In at the Tutorial

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