



CHAI & Conversation

how to greet people and ask how they're doing

lesson 1

GREETINGS:

salām

hello

سَلَام

chetor-ee

how are you?

چَتُورِی؟

Note: In Persian, as in many other languages, there is a formal and an informal way of speaking. We will be covering this in more detail in later lessons. For now, however, *chetor-ee* is the informal way of asking someone how they are, so it should only be used with people that you are familiar with. *hālē shomā chetor-é* is the formal expression for 'how are you.'

ANSWERS:

khoobam

I'm well

خوبم

Pronunciation tip: *kh* is one of two unique sounds in the Persian language

that is not used in the English language. It should be repeated daily until mastered, as it is essential to successfully speak Persian. Listen to the podcast for more information on how to make the sound.

merci

thank you

مِرْسِی

Pronunciation tip: Although this comes from the French word for 'thank you,' the pronunciation is slightly different. The 'r' in the Persian version is rolled, rather than the guttural French 'r.'

Conversation 1:

Leyla: *salām graham, chetor-ee?*

Graham: *khoobam, merci, chetor-ee?*

Leyla: *khoobam, merci.*

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

a	short a	like in hat
ā	long a	like in not
é	ending 'e'	like in elf
ō	ending o	sharp o. listen to podcast for exact sound