

LESSON 8



Numbers to 1,000 & Your Age

One tiny word — **o** ("and") — turns your twenty numbers into a thousand. Then the mehmuni question: **chand sâlete?** Answer optional; charm mandatory.

AFTER THIS LESSON YOU CAN...

- Count by tens to ninety, then **sad** (100) and **hezâr** (1,000).
- Build any number to 99: tens + **o** + ones (**bist-o-panj** = 25).
- Ask and answer age: **chand sâlete?** — **si sâlame**.
- Recognize a price in **toman** when you hear one.

THE NUMBER MACHINE

30 si **40** chehel **50** panjâh

60 shast **70** haftâd **80** hashtâd

90 navad **100** sad

1,000 hezâr

The recipe: tens + o + ones → **bist-o-panj** (25) · **chehel-o-do** (42) · **navad-o-noh** (99). One word, infinite numbers.

chand sâlete?

how old are you?

casual, between peers — totally normal

... sâlame

I'm ... years old

si sâlame = I'm 30 (your number + sâlame)

TOMAN — YOUR MONEY PREVIEW

Prices come in **toman**. With today's numbers you can already hear them: **si hezâr toman** = 30,000 toman. Don't do currency math yet — just catch the number + toman. (Full market skills arrive in Unit 3.)

THE SCENE — THE AGE GAME

SPEAKER	FARSI	ENGLISH
Amir	Chand sâlete?	How old are you?
Sam	Bist-o-noh!	Twenty-nine!
Amir	Na bâbâ! Si-o-panj?	C'mon! Thirty-five?
Sam	Bâshe... si-o-yek!	Fine... thirty-one!
Amir	Âfarin!	There it is!
Leila	Che khub!	How nice!

CULTURE: THE CHARMING LIE

Asking age among peers is warmth, not rudeness — and shaving off a few years is a beloved tradition. Everyone knows; everyone smiles. Note Sam's **bâshe** = "fine/OK" — a bonus word you'll use daily.

EXERCISES — PART 1

1 • The tens

30 = _____ 50 = _____ 70 = _____ 90 = _____ 100 = _____
1,000 = _____

2 • Build the number

25 = _____ · 42 = _____ · 67 = _____ · 99 = _____

3 • Hear the number (drill track)

Circle what you hear in the drill's final section: 31 / 41 · 55 / 65 · 100 / 1,000

4 • Your age

Q: Chand sâlete? A: _____ sâlame. (Charming-lie version also accepted: minus _____ years.)

EXERCISES — PART 2

5 • The price test

"Si hezâr toman" = _____ toman · "sad toman" = _____ toman · "panjâh hezâr toman" = _____

6 • Backwards tens

Count down out loud: navad → hashtâd → ... → si. Then the victory lap: sad! hezâr!

7 • The negotiation

Reread the scene. What does "na bâbâ" signal? _____ And bâshe? _____

8 • Phone number, full size (out loud)

Say your full phone number in Farsi — ones from Lesson 7, and if you're brave, group pairs with today's tens (0912 → "sefr, nohsad-o... OK, ones are fine too").

- **1:** si · panjâh · haftâd · navad · sad · hezâr
- **2:** bist-o-panj · chehel-o-do · shast-o-haft · navad-o-noh
- **4:** your number + sâlame · a few 😊
- **5:** 30,000 · 100 · 50,000 toman
- **7:** "c'mon, no way!" · "fine/OK"

NEXT — LESSON 9: THE TA'ÂROF STARTER PACK

The five golden politeness words — and the national sport of generous offers. Refuse once. Accept beautifully.