

CHECKPOINT 1

Your First Mehmuni

مهمانی

No new words tonight — you own more than forty. Tonight you spend them: one Persian evening, door to door, in the order life will ask for them.

YOU PASS THIS CHECKPOINT WHEN YOU CAN...

- Play Sam through the whole evening script (page 2) — out loud, from the page.
- Follow the graded listening (video, second half) at natural speed, no captions.
- Record your Sam performance as a voice memo — and keep it.

Mehmuni anatomy — what always happens

1 · Greetings at the door (greet the oldest first!) 2 · Introductions + khoshbakhtam 3 · Tea, offered relentlessly — the ta'ârof dance 4 · Personal questions, asked with love (age included) 5 · A video call to someone's grandmother 6 · A long goodbye (the "doorway farewell" can outlast the party).

THE EVENING — YOUR RECORDING SCRIPT

SPEAKER	FARSI	ENGLISH
Leila	Salâm!	Hello!
SAM (you)	Salâm!	Hello!
Leila	Chetori?	How are you?
SAM (you)	Khubam, merci! To chetori?	Good, thanks! And YOU?
Leila	Man-am khubam. — Sam: Amir!	I'm good too. Meet Amir!
Amir	Man Amir hastam!	I am Amir!
SAM (you)	Khoshbakhtam!	Nice to meet you!
Amir	Khoshbakhtam, Sâm jân!	Nice to meet you, Sam dear!
Leila	Befarmâid — chây!	Please — tea!
SAM (you)	Na, merci!	No, thanks! (once!)
Leila	Ta'ârof nakon! Befarmâid!	Don't ta'ârof!
SAM (you)	Bâshe — merci! Kheyli mamnun!	OK — thanks so much!
Leila	Nush-e jân!	Enjoy!
Amir	Chand sâlete?	How old are you?
SAM (you)	Bâshe... si-o-yek!	Fine... thirty-one!
Mâmân Pari	Alo? Sâm jân?!	(video call) Sam dear?!
SAM (you)	Ye kam fârsi baladam!	I know a little Farsi!

TASK 1 — THE RECORDING

Open your phone's voice memo app. Read Sam's lines from page 2 — the other parts can be silent beats. Aim for warmth over speed. **Name the file "Farsi — Unit 1" and keep it.** At Checkpoint 2 you'll record again — and hear the difference.

TASK 2 — THE GRADED LISTENING

In the video's second half, the whole evening replays at natural speed with no captions. Play it once, eyes closed. Count how many lines you caught: **10+ = passed · 15+ = âfarin · all 20 = Mâmân Pari sends a virtual kiss.**

TASK 3 — THE SCORE SHEET



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| ☐ Greeted & bounced back | ☐ Introduced myself two ways |
| ☐ Danced the ta'ârof correctly | ☐ Gave an age (any age) |
| ☐ Deployed the hero sentence | ☐ Said goodbye like a local |

UNIT 1 — COMPLETE

40+ phrases · every Farsi sound · numbers to 1,000 · the two yous · ta'ârof survived. Ten lessons ago: zero words. Tonight: a mehmuni. Âfarin.

NEXT — UNIT 2: PEOPLE & THINGS AROUND YOU

Family first: mâmân, bâbâ, and why Farsi needs four different words for "aunt." Leila's family photo tour awaits.