

LESSON 15

I Have, You Have

Your first full verb: **dâshtan**, to have. Six endings, one flip (**na-**), and suddenly cars, cats, and kids are conversation.

AFTER THIS LESSON YOU CAN...

- Run all six: **dâram**, **dâri**, **dâre**, **dârim**, **dârin**, **dâran**.
- Deny it: **nadâram** — **na-** glued on the front.
- Ask with melody alone: **Sag dâri?** — got a dog?

THE PHRASE MAP

dâram

I have

dâri

you have

dâre

she/he has

dârim

we have

dârin

you all have

dâran

they have

nadâram

I don't have

na- on the front
mâshin

car

bachche

kid

sag

dog

gorbe

cat

Sag dâri?

got a dog?

melody = question

SIX ENDINGS — LEARNED ONCE, KEPT FOREVER

dâr + am / i / e / im / in / an. That's I, you, she, we, you-all, they — the exact same six sounds every Farsi verb uses. Negative: glue **na-** on the front → **nadâram**. Question: same words, rising melody → **Mâshin dâri?**
 Bonus hook from Lesson 14: gorbe-**ye** siyâh — a black cat.

THE SCENE — BALCONY SMALL TALK

SPEAKER	FARSI	ENGLISH
Amir	Sâm jân — mâshin dâri?	Do you have a car?
Sam	Âre — ye mâshin-e kuchik!	Yeah — a little one!
Amir	Man ye mâshin-e now dâram! Ghermez!	I have a NEW one! Red!
Sam	Vây! Sag dâri?	Nice! Got a dog?
Amir	Na, sag nadâram... gorbe dâram!	No dog... a cat!
Sam	Man-am ye gorbe dâram!	I have a cat too!
Amir	Bachche dâri?	Kids?
Sam	Na! Gorbe dâram!	No! I have a CAT!
Amir	Gorbe khube!	Cats are good!

NEW SMALL WORDS WORTH KEEPING

man-am = me too (Lesson 1's old friend) · ye = a (Lesson 13) · Tehran culture: apartments are small, cats rule, dogs are complicated.

EXERCISES — PART 1

1 • Conjugate

I have: _____ · she has: _____ · they have: _____ · we have: _____

2 • Flip it

dâram → _____ · dâre → _____

3 • Match

1. bachche 2. sag 3. mâshin 4. gorbe
a. cat b. car c. kid d. dog

4 • True or false

a) dârin = you all have. (T/F) b) Questions need a special word. (T/F) c) na- makes it negative. (T/F)

EXERCISES — PART 2

5 • You're Sam (out loud)

Amir asks "Sag dêri?" — you have a cat instead: _____

6 • Ask around

Ask a friend about a car: _____? • about kids: _____?

7 • Describe what you have

Claim a small car (hook!): ye _____ dêram • a black cat: ye _____ dêram

8 • Inventory (out loud)

Say five true sentences about yourself with dêram/nadâram — car, pet, siblings (dâdâsh? âbji?), phone, tea in hand.

- 1: dêram • dêre • dêran • dêrim
- 2: nadâram • nadâre
- 3: 1-c • 2-d • 3-b • 4-a
- 4: a) T • b) F — melody does it • c) T
- 5: Na, sag nadâram — gorbe dêram!
- 6: Mâshin dêri? • Bachche dêri?
- 7: mâshin-e kuchik • gorbe-ye siyâh

NEXT — LESSON 16: LIKES & DISLIKES

dust dêram — declaring your heart — with volume knobs kheyli and aslan, at the great movie-night negotiation.