

LESSON 17

Six Star Verbs

Six verbs run your whole day: I go, I come, I want, I know, I see, I eat — learned tonight as living chunks, aimed with fardâ and alân.

AFTER THIS LESSON YOU CAN...

- Fire all six chunks: miram, miyâm, mikhâm, midunam, mibinam, mikhoram.
- Aim them in time: fardâ tomorrow · alân now · ba'dan later.
- Deploy the two lifesavers: nemidunam and inshâllâh.

THE PHRASE MAP

miram

I go

miyâm

I come

mikhâm

I want

midunam

I know

mibinam

I see

mikhoram

I eat

fardâ

tomorrow

alân

right now

ba'dan

later

nemidunam

I don't know

*the hero's shrug***inshâllâh**

God willing

seasoning for plans

CHUNKS FIRST — THE MACHINE COMES NEXT LESSON

Tonight these six are whole living words: **Fardâ miram**. Tomorrow I go. **Alân miyâm**. I'm coming now. **Châyi mikhâm**. I want tea.

Culture: attach **inshâllâh** — God willing — to any future plan. Hope, humility, and a weather forecast in one word.

THE SCENE — WEEKEND PLANNING

SPEAKER	FARSI	ENGLISH
Leila	Fardâ — mehmuni-e Amir!	Tomorrow — Amir's mehmuni!
Sam	Fardâ... miram mehmuni-e Amir!	Tomorrow... I'm GOING!
Leila	Âfarin — man-am miyâm!	I'm coming too!
Sam	Châyi mikhoram... shirini mikhoram... ghazâ-ye irâni mikhoram!	Tea... sweets... Iranian food!
Leila	Sâm — mehmuni-e, na restorân!	It's a mehmuni, not a restaurant!
Sam	Midunam! Châyi mikhâm. Alân.	I know! Tea. NOW.
Leila	Alân? Bâshe... châyi.	Now? Fine... tea.
Sam	Âfarin, Leila jân!	Âfarin, Leila jân!

NEW SMALL WORDS WORTH KEEPING

mehmuni-e Amir = Amir's mehmuni (the hook again!) · na restorân = not a restaurant · restorân is a free loanword you already own.

EXERCISES — PART 1

1 • Match

1. mikhoram 2. miram 3. midunam 4. mibinam 5. _____ a. I know b. I see c. I eat d. I come e. I go
miyâm

2 • Aim in time

tomorrow: _____ · right now: _____ · later: _____

3 • Build the chunk

tomorrow + go: _____ · tea + want: _____ · now + come: _____

4 • True or false

a) nemidunam = I don't know. (T/F) b) inshâllâh attaches to past events. (T/F) c) mikhâm = I want. (T/F)

EXERCISES — PART 2

5 · You're Sam (out loud)

You don't know where Leila is: _____ · You want tea immediately: _____.

6 · Bless the plan

"Fardâ miram Tehrân..." — add the seasoning: _____!

7 · Chain three

At the mehmuni you'll eat three things: _____ mikhoram, _____ mikhoram, _____ mikhoram!

8 · Your day (out loud)

Narrate tomorrow with all six verbs, out loud: where you go, who you see, what you want, eat, and know. End with inshâllâh.

- 1: 1-c · 2-e · 3-a · 4-b · 5-d
- 2: fardâ · alân · ba'dan
- 3: fardâ miram · châyî mikhâm · alân miyâm
- 4: a) T · b) F — future plans · c) T
- 5: Nemidunam · Châyî mikhâm. Alân.
- 6: inshâllâh
- 7: e.g. châyî · shirini · ghazâ-ye irâni

NEXT — LESSON 18: THE FULL MACHINE

mi + stem + ending: every person of every verb, the nemi- flip, questions by melody — and jom'e, the sacred Friday.