

Farsi (Persian)

At Wordsworth, there are 20 children whose mother language is Farsi.

The reason why we are doing their language for the next few days is because Persian New Year (Nowruz) is celebrated this week. Let's find out a few things about this language and the people who speak it.



Can you guess where Farsi is spoken?

<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/>

Facts about Iran:

- Iran is the second largest country in the Middle East after Saudi Arabia
- 83,992,949 people live in Iran
- Iran has historical sites such as bazaars, museums, mosques, bridges, churches and towers to attract tourists.
- Festivals such as Nowruz, Sizda be dar, Mehregan and Shabe Yalda are celebrated in Iran.

Facts about Farsi:

- There are approximately 110 million Persian (Farsi) speakers worldwide
- Seven countries speak Farsi
- Arabic is in the Afro-Asiatic family of languages while Farsi is in the Indo-European family
- In Farsi, 40% of all words are of Arabic origin.

Famous people who speak Farsi:

- Shohreh Aghdashloo
- Andre Agassi
- Christiane Amanpour
- Firouz Naderi



Nowruz festival

Nowruz means "The New Day"; it is the Kurdish and Persian New Year. It is one of the ancient celebrations which has survived throughout history and is considered to be a day in which new good things start. It is a celebration of the start of spring.

Nowruz is the day of the spring equinox (20th – 21st March) when the amount of light and dark is the same during the day. It is considered to be one of the most important celebrations of the Persian people.



Conversation

- Good morning! - صبح بخیر

sobh bekheyr



- Goodbye! - خداحافظ khoda hafez



Greeting gestures:

When greeting an acquaintance, Iranian people will shake hands unless they are religious and then they don't shake hands with the opposite sex.



When greeting a friend, people will often kiss each other on the cheeks.



Food

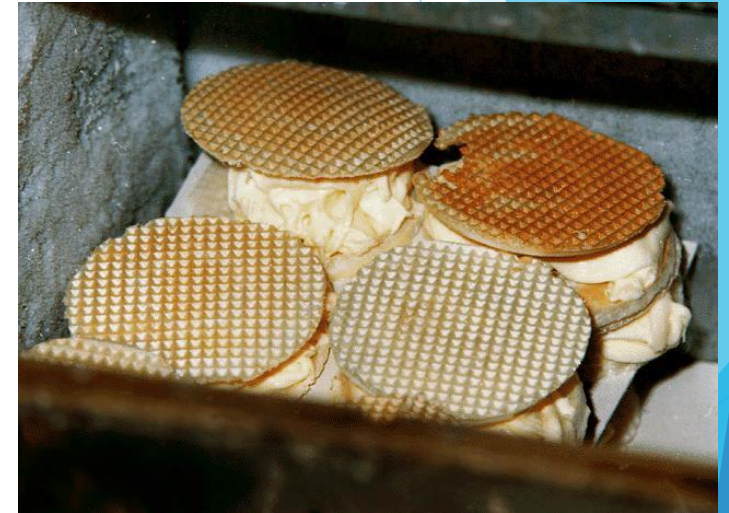
Traditional Iranian food and snacks



Chelo kebab



zereshk polo ba
morgh



Bastani Nooni
Sonnati



Music

Traditional Iranian music

<https://youtu.be/xzgZQMYb-Dw>

Modern Iranian music

<https://youtu.be/O-8RC3-BWbU>

<https://youtu.be/3ovNjEusawk>

<https://youtu.be/0hO5VoxRIP4>