The Numerals

<u>Cardinal numbers</u>. Figures are written and read from left to right. Α.

صفر	sefr	0	٠	بیست و چهار	bistochahâr	24	74
یک	yék	1	١	بیست و پنج	bistopanj	25	40
دو	do	2	4	بیست و شش	bistoshesh	26	48
سه	sé	3	٣	بيست و هفت	bistohaft	27	77
چهار	chahâr	4	*	بيست وهشت	bistohasht	28	7.7
پنج	panj	5	۵	بیست و نه	bistonoh	29	79
شش	shesh	6	۶	سی	si	30	٣.
هفت	haft	7	٧	چهل	chéhél	40	4.
هشت	hasht	8	٨	پنجاه	panjâh	50	۵٠
نه	noh	9	٩	شصت	shast	60	۶.
ده	dah	10	١.	هفتاد	haftâd	70	٧٠
یاز د ہ	yâzdah	11	11	هشتاد	hashtâd	80	۸.
دوازده	davâzdah	12	17	نود	navad	90	٩.
سيزده	sizdah	13	18	صد	sad	100	1
چهارده	chahârdah	14	14	دويست	devist	200	Y
پانزده	pânzdah	15	10	سيصد	sisad	300	٣
شانزده	shânzdah	16	18	چهارصد	chahârsad	400	4.,
هفده	hefdah	17	17	پانصد	pânsad	500	٥٠٠
هيجاده	hijdah	18	11	ششصد	sheshsad	600	9
نوزده	nuzdah	19	19	هفتصد	haftsad	700	٧.,
بيست	bist	20	۲.	هشتصد	hashtsad	800	۸.,
بيستويك	bistoyek	21	11	نهصد	nohsad	900	۹.,
بيست ودو	bistodo	22	77	هزار	hézâr	1000	1
بيستوسه	bistosé	23	73				

(vâv), meaning 'and' is placed after each figure and pronounced 'o', not 'va.'

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B Ordinal Numbers. The ordinals are formed by adding the suffix را (om) to cardinals with the exception of اول (avval).

اول	avval	first	دهم	dahom	tenth
دوم	dovvom	second	بيستم	bistom	twentieth
سوم	sevvom	third	سی ام	siyom	thirtieth
چهارم	chahârom	fourth	شصتم	shastom	sixtieth
بتحي	panjom	fifth	صدم	sadom	hundredth

 The ordinal يكم (yekom), first, is only used as the final element of a compound numeral.

The Arabic word اول (avval), first, is usually substituted for the Persian یکم (yekom), first.

3. The noun qualified by the cardinal numbers is always in singular.

پنج قلم) (panj qalam), five pens) پنج قلم (bist sarbâz), twenty soldiers) بیست سرباز (do mard), two men

- Certain words are used with cardinals as classifiers.
 These words are placed betwen the cardinal and the
 noun. The classifiers are rather like 'suit', 'herd', 'head' in
 English.
 - i. دست (dast), hand, for clothes and furniture.
 سال (yek dast lebâs), a suit of clothes
 - ii. باب (bâb), for houses.هاب خانه (do bâb khané), two houses
 - iii. بلد (jéld), for books.بغلد کتاب (sé jéld kétâb), three books
 - iv. عدد (adad), for small articles. (panj adad medâd), five pencils
 - v. نفر (nafar), for persons and individuals. chahâr nafar mard), four men) چهار نفر مرد
 - vi. رأس (ra's), for cattle and horses. (dah ra's gâv), ten heads of cows
 - vii. فروند (farvand), for ships. (haft farvand kashti), seven ships
- 5. In colloquial Persian the particle t (tâ) is used for almost anything:

(do ta tokhomé morq kharidam) دوتا تخم مرغ خریدم I bought two eggs. (panj ta médâd bé u dâdam) I gave him five pencils. (u do ta khâhar dârad) He or she has two sisters.

SOME EXPLANATIONS ON THE NUMERALS

- A: The figure چهار (chahâr), four (4), is pronounced in colloquial Persian as 'châr').
- B: The figures 17 and 18 are pronounced in colloquial Persian as 'hivdah' and 'hizhdah' respectively.
- C: 'once', 'twice', etc. are translated by the cardinal numbers followed by بر (bâr), or دنعه (daf'é) or مرتبه (martebé).

 د مرتبه (yek martébé), once یک مرتبه (do daf'é), twice دونعه (sé bâr), three times
- D: 'Twice as much' or 'twice as many' are translated by the cardinal number followed by برابر (barâbar). پرابر (do barâbar), twice as much
- E: Percentage is expressed as follows: مفت در صد (sadi haft), 7% or صدی هفت سه در صد (sadi se), 3% or صدی سه
- F: 'a cup of coffee' is translated by the figure 'one' and not the indefinitive خ (ye).

 ه ناجان قهوه (yek fenjân qahve)

 'a glass of water' is (yek livân âb) يک ليوان آب
- G: مزار (sad), 'hundred' and مزار (hézâr), 'thousand' when used indefinitely take the plural ending له (hâ).
 بات (sadhâ kétâb), hundreds of books مزارها گل (hezârhâ gol), thousands of flowers