

# Persian Basics: Colors



color / colors	rang / rang-hâ	رنگ / رنگ ها
red	ghermez	قرمز
yellow	zard	زرد
green	sabz	سبز
purple	banafsh	بنفش
white	sefid	سفید
black	siyâh / meshki	سیاه / مشکی
water / blue	âb / âbi	آب / آبی
sour orange / orange	nârenj / nârenji	نارنج / نارنجی
coffee / brown	ghahve / ghahve-yi	قهوه / قهوه ای
ashes / gray	khâkestar / khâkestari	خاکستر / خاکستری
face / pink	surat / surati	صورت / صورتی
kohl / navy blue	sormeh / sormeh-yi	سرمه / سرمه ای

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gold (metal) / color)

talâ / talâ-yi

طلا / طلائی

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silver (metal) / color)

noghre / noghre-yi

نقره / نقره ای

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## Grammatical note:

In English, adjectives come before the noun, i.e., a green tree. In Persian, however, adjectives come after the noun, i.e.,

derakht-e sabz درخت سبز  
(literally, a tree green)

The noun and adjective are connected using the *zir* diacritic (in the Lesson 1 Alphabet PDF if you need a refresher). *Zir* is a small mark that goes under a letter to add an *e* sound (like the "e" in "red"). I've written it in the example above so you can see how it's connected, but remember that these diacritics are typically omitted in writing.

## Sentence examples:

Daftaram ghermez-e. دفترم قرمز است.  
My notebook is red.

Khorshid zard-e. خورشید زرد است.  
The sun is yellow.

Livânam sabz-e. لیوانم سبز است.  
My glass is green.

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Ye dâman-e banafsh  
dâram.                      یک دامن بنفش دارم.  
I have a purple skirt.

Laptop-am sefid-e.  
My laptop is white.                      لپ تاپم سفید  
است.

Shalvâr-e meshkim  
kojâst?                      شلوار مشکیم  
کجاست؟  
Where are my  
black pants.

Ketâbam âbi-ye  
My book is blue.                      کتابم آبی است.

Kif-e nârenji dâri?  
Do you have an  
orange purse?                      کیف نارنجی  
داری؟

Un sandali ghahve-  
yi-e.  
That chair is  
brown.                      آن صندلی قهوه ای  
است.

Jâkat-e khâkestari  
dâreh.  
S/he has a gray  
jacket.                      ژاکت خاکستری  
دارد.

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Kafsh-e surati nadâram.	I don't have pink shoes.	کفش صورتی ندارم.
Rang-e talâ-yi ghashang-e.	The gold color is beautiful.	رنگ طلایی قشنگ است.
Rang-e mâshinam noghre-yi-e.	The color of my car is silver.	رنگ ماشینم نقره ای است.

## Cultural note:

In Iran, soft drinks (نوشابه / *nushâbeh*) are commonly called by color. For example, the Coke/Pepsi variety is *siâh/meshki* (black), the Sprite variety is *sefid* (white), and the orange Fanta variety is *zard* (yellow).

It's perfectly fine to call them by their names, as many do, but it's very common to hear someone order نوشابه زرد (*nushâbeh zard*), a yellow drink, or simply سفید یک سیاه، دو تا سیاه، یک سفید (*do tâ siyâh, ye sefid*), 2 blacks and a white, for example.