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GRAMMAR: personal pronouns; demonstratives; "to be" and its present / past and negative forms; the short attached form of "to be"; differences between written/ spoken Persian; possessive structures; interrogative particles and the emphatic ' مال one's own'

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GRAMMAR: order of words in the sentence; to have (present, past, interrogative, negative forms); attached possessive pronouns

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Grammar: using the emphatic pronoun-خُو 'oneself'; using the interrogative adjectives (quantifying pronouns)

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Grammar: present subjunctive mood, simple and compound verbs in the subjunctive mood; negative subjunctive mood, past continuous

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