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About the Book

This book in your hand is an easy way to learn Urdu through English. A native speaker of English language is presumably aware of at least the basics of English grammar like sentence structure, grammatical function of English words, and very importantly the sound system. By and large, same ingredients or components of leaning a language like Urdu are required. Put very simply, a few technical things are distinctively remarkable to differentiate a particular language like Urdu from other languages of the world where English is not an exception. Primarily, language acquisition marks the following which are absolutely unavoidable while learning or thinking of any language of the world:

- 1. Script (Orthography)
- 2. Grammatical Function of Words (Syntax)
- 3. Vocabulary (Morpho-phonemic)
- 4. Sound System (Phonology)
- Production of Sounds (Speech Mechanism/ Phonetics or the Physical Nature of Sounds)

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Efforts have been made to incorporate these highly technical issues very precisely while learning Urdu through English. Selection of Urdu vocabulary has been taken from daily affairs; phonetically transliterated Urdu words are very close to the English sounds and a comparative approach has been made to the understanding of Urdu grammar through English grammar. Nevertheless, grammatical approach to the learning of a language througt another language remains the same. A noun word of any language works as a noun in a sentence. Be it any language of the world including Urdu.

Having a short discussion on the learning of Urdu, I am confident that readers will enjoy learning a language like Urdu through English. Any comments, suggestions or criticism from the readers will be of great help for the improvement of the next edition of the book.

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Easy way to Pronunciation

Very important to note that one can learn the proper pronunciation of Urdu by imitating sounds produced by a speaker of Urdu or by listening and repeating Urdu sounds from electronic sources. Careful listening will help improve the understanding of acoustic nature of different sounds of Urdu. Following is a simplified way and guide to pronounce the transliterated Urdu phones:-

Phonentically Transleterated Sounds of Urdu Alphabets

Urdu Alphabet	English Sound		
1	а	(n) apple	ايتپل
•	b	(n) book	بوك
پ	р	(adj/n) poor	لپور
ن	t	(n) tea	تي
ک	t	train	ٹر <u>ی</u> ن
ؿ	th	(v) think	تفينك
ひ	j	(n) jam	جيم
ي	ch	(n) Church	7. T
2	h	(n) house	چرچ ھاؤس
ż	kh	×	×
,	d	(n) deer	دير

ģ	d	(n) donkey	_ۇ ئى
j	dh	×	×
)	r	(n) red	ریپر
ر	r	×	×
j	Z	(n) zink	ز ينك
ż	zh	×	×
<i>J</i>	S	(n) son	سن
m	sh	(n) sheep	شبپ
ص	S	(n) son	س
ض	Z	(a) zebra	سن زیبرا
Ь	t	×	×
ظ	Z	×	×
	а	×	×
ع خ ن	gh	×	×
ق ا	f	(n) fool	فول

ق	а	×	×
<u></u>	k	(n) kite	كائث
گ	g	(v) go	گو
J	-	(n) life	لائيف
^	m	(n) man	صين
ن	n	(adj) nice	نائس
9	v, o or û	(adj) voice	وائز
ه، هه، هـ	h	(n) hall	هال
_&	h	(n) home	ופס
,		vowel	×
ی	y, i	(n) yalk	یاک
	ai or e	vowel	×

اعداد / Numbers / adaad /

1	one	aik	ایک
2	two	do	9)
3	three	teen	تين
4	four	char	ڇار
5	five	panch	ڽٳڿ
6	six	cheh	B
7	seven	saat	سات
8	eight	aath	آ گھ
9	nine	no	نو
10	ten	das	دس

Noun: Singular and Plural

English Noun		Urdu Noun
Nouns	ism	اسم
my <u>car</u>	mery kaar	میری <u>کار</u>
green car	sabz kaar	سبر <u>کار</u>
three cars	teen kaar	تین <u>کاریں</u>
car garage	kaar gueyraj	کار <u>گیراج</u>
outside the car	kaar ke bahar	کارکے باہر

English Plural		Urdu Plural
Plural	jama	يح.
my book	meri kitab	<u>میری</u> کتاب
my books	meri kitabe'n	<u>میری</u> کتابیں
my daughter	meri beti	<u>میری بیٹی</u>
our daughters	hamari betiya'n	<u>ہماری بیٹیاں</u>

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I'm cold	mujhe sardi lagi hai	<u>مجھے</u> سردی لگی ہے
we're cold	hame'n sardi lagi hai	ہمی <u>ں</u> سردی گئی ہے
his chicken	us ke murgh	اُس کے مرغ
their chicken	un ke murgh	اُن کے مرغ

English Pronoun		Urdu Pronoun	
Subject	Ism-e-	اسمضمير	
Pronouns	Zameer		
I	main	میں	singular
You	tau, tum, aap	تو،تم،آپ	singular & plural both
He	wo (mard)	وه (مرد)	singular, man
She	wo (aurat)	وه (عورت)	singular, woman
We	hum	م	Plural, for men & women

They	wey (jama)	وے(جع)	Plural, he and she
Me	main/	میں/ مجھے	Singular, man or women
	mujhey		women

Demonstrative	Ishaarati	اشارتی حروف صائر
This	yeh	≈
That	keh	کہ
These	ye	~
Those	woh	89

Object Pronoun

You	tu, tum, aap	تو،تم،آپ	Singular and plural, male or female
Him	un ke	اُن کے	Singular, male
Her	on ki	اُن کی	Singular, female
Us	hamara	ואנו	Plural, male and female

Them	un ke	اُن کے	plural, men or women, names
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Possessive Pronouns

Му	may <u>ra</u>	ميرا	Singular, man or woman
Your	tey <u>re,</u> tumha <u>ra,</u> aap ka	تیرا،تمهارا، آپکا	plural or singular men or women, names
His	un <u>ka</u>	أنكا	Singular, male
Her	un <u>ki</u>	اُن کی	Singular, female
Our	hama <u>ra</u>	האנו	Plural, male and female
Their	un <u>ke</u>	اُن کے	plural male, female names or persons
Mine	mey <u>ra</u>	ميرا	singular male
Yours	tey <u>re,</u> tumha <u>ra,</u> aap ka	تیرا،تمهارا، آپکا	singular or plural males or females
His	un <u>ka</u>	انکا	singular, female
Hers	un <u>ki</u>	ان کی	plural, males or females
Ours	hama <u>rey</u>	ہمارے	plural male, names

Theirs unkey unki	ان کے، ان کی	plural female, male names
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Active Present Verbs

Present	Jaari Zamana	فاعل مضارع و
Verbs		جاری زمانه
I speak.	main bolta hoon	میں بولتا ہو <u>ں</u> ۔
I write.	main likhta hoon	میں لکھتا ہو <u>ں</u> ۔
I drive.	main chalata hoon	میں چلاتا ہو <u>ں</u> ۔
I <u>love</u> .	main mohabbad karta hoon	میں محبت کرتا ہو <u>ں</u> ۔
I give.	main daita hoon	میں دیتا ہو <u>ں</u> ۔
I <u>smile</u> .	main muskurata hoon	میں مسکرا تا ہو <u>ں</u> ۔
I take.	main laita hoon	میں <u>لیتا ہوں</u> ۔
He speaks.	wo bolta hai	وہ بولتاہے۔
He writes.	wo likhta hai	وہ لکھتاہے۔
He drives.	wo chalata hai	وہ چلاتا ہے۔
He loves.	wo mohabbat karta hai	وہ محبت کرتاہے۔

He gives.	wo daita hai	وہ دیتاہے۔
He smiles.	wo muskurata hai	وہ مسکرا تاہے۔
He takes.	wo laita hai	وہ <u>لیتا ہے</u> ۔
We speak.	hum boltey hain	ہم بولتے ہیں۔
We write.	hum likhtey hain	ہم <u>لکھتے ہیں</u> ۔
We drive.	hum chalate hain	ہم چلاتے ہیں۔
We <u>love</u> .	hum muhabbat karte hain	ہم محبت کرتے ہیں۔
We give.	hum daite hain	ہم <u>دیتے ہیں</u> ۔
We <u>smile</u> .	hum muskurate hain	ہم مسکراتے ہیں۔
We take.	hum laite hain	ہم لیتے ہیں۔

Action past Verbs

English Verbs		Urdu Verbs
Verbs	fa'eel	فاعل
Past	maazi	ماضى
I spoke.	main boola	<u>میں بولا</u> ۔
I wrote.	main ne likha	میں نے لکھا۔

I drove.	main ne chalaya	میں نے چ <u>لایا</u> ۔
I <u>loved</u> .	main ne mohabbat ki	میں نے محبت کی۔
I gave.	main ne diya	میں نے <u>دیا</u> ۔
I smiled.	main muskuraya	میں مسکرایا۔
I took.	main ne liya	میں نے <u>لیا</u> ۔
He spoke.	woh bola	<u>وه بولا</u> _
He wrote.	us ne likha	اس نے لکھا۔
He drove.	us ne chalaya	اس نے چلایا۔
He loved.	us ne mohabbat ki	اس نے محبت <u>کی</u> ۔
He gave.	us ne diya	اس نے <u>دیا</u> ۔
He smiled.	wo muskuraya	وه مسکرای <u>ا</u> ۔
He took.	us ne liya	اس نے <u>لیا</u> ۔
We spoke.	hum boley	ہم <u>بولے</u> ۔
We wrote.	hum ne likha	ہم نے لکھا۔
We drove.	hum ne chalaya	ہم نے چلایا۔
We <u>loved</u> .	hum ne mohabbat ki	ہم نے محبت کی۔

We gave.	hum ne diya	ہم نے دیا۔
We smiled.	hum muskuraye	ہم مسکرائے۔
We took.	hum ne liya	ہم <u>نے لیا</u> ۔

Action Future Verbs

Future Verbs	Faail Mustaqbil	فاعل متنقبل
I will speak.	main boolunga	میں بولوں گا۔
I will write.	main likhunga	میں لکھو <u>ں گا</u> ۔
I will drive.	main chalaunga	میں چلاؤ <u>ں گا</u> ۔
I will <u>love</u> .	main mohabbat karoonga	میں محبت <u>کروں گا</u> ۔
I will give.	main doonga	میں <u>دوں گا</u> ۔
I will <u>smile</u> .	main muskuraounga	میں <u>مسکراؤں گا</u> ۔
I will take.	main loonga	میں <u>لول گا</u> ۔
He will speak.	woh bolega	وه <u>بو لے گا</u> ۔
He will write.	woh likhega	وه <u>لکھے گا</u> ۔
He will drive.	woh chalayega	وہ چلائے گا۔
He will love.	woh mohabbat karega	وہ محبت <u>کرے گا</u> ۔

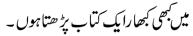
He will give.	woh de ga	وه <u>د سے گا</u> ۔
He will smile.	woh muskurayega	وہ مسکرائے گا۔
He will take.	woh ley ga	وه <u>لے گا</u> ۔
We will speak.	hum bolengey	ہم بولیں گے۔
We will write.	hum likhengey	ہم لکھیں گے۔
We will drive.	hum chaleyenge	ہم چلائیں گے۔
We will love.	hum mohabbat karengey	ہم محبت کریں گے۔
We will give.	hum dengey	ہم <u>دیں گے</u> ۔
We will smile.	hum muskurayengey	ہم مسکرائیں گے۔
We will take.	hum lengey	ہم لیں گے۔

English Urdu Adverbs

Adverbs	muta'alliq afaal	متعلق افعال
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I read a book sometimes

main kabhi kabhar aik kitaab padhta hoon



I will never smoke

main kabhi bhi cigrette nahi piyoonga

میں جھی بھی سگریٹ نہیں پیوں گا۔

Are you alone?

kya tum akeley ho?



English Prepositions

Prepositions	Huroof-e-Jaar	حروف ِ جار
Inside the house	makaan ke ander	مکان کےاندر
Outside the care	makaan ke bahar	مکان کے باہر
With me	merey saath	ميرے ساتھ
Without me	un ke baghair	ان کے بغیر
Under the table	mez ke neechey	ميزكيني
After tomorrow	kal ke baad	کل کے بعد
Before sunset	ghuroob aaftaab se pahley	غروب آفتاب سے پہلے
But I'm busy	lekin main masroof hoon	کیکن میں مصروف ہوں

English Prepositions

About	se mutallalliq	سے متعلق سے
Above	balaai	بالائی
Across	ke paar	کے پار
After	ke baad	کے بعد
Against	bar-aks	برعكس
Among	main se	میں سے
Around	ke ird gird	کے اِردگرد
As	joonhi, taake, jaisa ke,	جونهی، تا که، جبیبا که
At	main, per, se, ke taraf	میں، پر، سے، کے، طرف
Before	ke saamney, pahle	کے سامنے/پہلے
Behind	aqbi, peechey	عقبی/پیچیچ
Below	ke neechey	چنے کے
Beneath	ke neechey	چنے کے
Beside	ke alawa	کےعلاوہ
Between	ke darmiyaan	کے درمیان

Beyond	doosri taraf, us paar	دوسری طرف،اس پار
But	magarl lekin	مگر ^ا نیکن مگر ، ایکن
Ву	paas, qareeb, zariye se, baqadar	پاس،قریب،ذریع سے،بقدر
Despite	ke bawajood	کے باوجود
Down	neechey	''
During	ke dooraan	کے دوران
Except	ke alawa	کے علاوہ
For	babat, baraye	بابت، برائے
From	sey	سے
In	main	میں
Inside	ander	اندر
Into	ke ander	کے اندر
Near	ke qareeb	<u> </u>
Next	aglaa	ا گلا
Of	ke or kaa	کے اور کا
On	ulat	اُلٹ

Opposite	ulat	أك
Out	bahar	باہر
Outside	bairooni hissey	بیرونی <i>ھتے</i>
Over	khatam	ختم
Per	fee	في
Plus	masaawi	مساوی
Round	gool	گول
Since	jab se	جبسے
Than	ba-muqabla	بمقابليه
Through	mein se	میں سے
Till	ab tak, tab tak	تب تك،اب تك
То	ko	کو
Toward	ki jaanib	کی جانب
Under	ke neechey	ين ٢
Unlike	ke bar-aks	ے برگس
Until	jab tak	جب تک
Up	ke ooper	<u> ک</u> او پر

Via	ke zariye	کے ذریعے
With	ke saath	کے ساتھ
Within	ke ander, dakhil	کے اندر، داخل
Without	ke baghair	کے بغیر
Two words	do alfaaz	دوالفاظ
According to	ke mutabiq	کےمطابق
Because of	ki wajah se	کی وجہ سے
Close to	ke qareeb	<i>ڪ</i> قريب
Due to	ki wajah se	کی وجہ سے
Except for	ke alawa, ko chhod kar	کے علاوہ ، کو چیموڑ کر
Far from	se door	سے دور
Inside of	ke ander, daakhli	کےاندر، داخلی
Near to	ke bajaye	<i>ڪ</i> قريب
Next to	ke baad	کے بعد
Outside of	ke bahar	کے باہر
Prior to	se pahle	سے پہلے

Prepositional Phrase of Three Worlds

As far as	jahan tak	جہاں تک
As well as	jaisa ke	<i>جیسا</i> که
In addition to	ke alawa	کےعلاوہ
In front of	ke samney	كسامنے
In spite of	ke bawajood	کے باوجود
On behalf of	ke badley	ے بدلے
On top of	ke ooper	کے اوپر

Gender: (Male/Female)

Urdu grammatical gender of nouns is one of two: a noun may be masculine or it may be feminine, and there is no neutral option. Moreover, masculine is the defautl grammatical gender and a word does not have to have anything special in order to reflect this. Femininity, on the other hand, is not default and a noun would have to have something special to reflect this gender.

Example:

Ahmad (male) writes (male) مراكمتا ب

ahmad likhta hai

لبناللمتی ہے Lubna (female) writes (female) لبناللمتی ہے

Gender: Male (m) and Female (f)

English		Urdu
Feminine	moan-nas	مؤنث
He is happy (m)	wo khush hai	وہ خوش ہے۔
She is happy (f)	wo khush hai	وہ خوش ہے۔
He is American (m)	wo americki hai	وہ امریکی ہے۔
She is American (f)	wo americki hai	وہ امریکی ہے۔

Man (m)	aadmi	آ دمی
Woman (m)	aurat	عورت
Father (f)	walid	والد
Mother (f)	maa / walidah	مال/والده

Brother (m)	bhai	بھائی
Sister (f)	behan	م من
Uncle (m)	chacha	يج.
Aunt (f)	khala, phoophi, chachi	خاله، پھوپھی، چچی
Bull (m)	bail	بيل
Cow (f)	gaye	ئے لا
Bow (m)	ladka	لڑ کا
Girl (f)	ladki	ار کی

Most Common Vocabulary

English Vocabulary		Urdu Vocabulary
Objects	ashyaa	اشيار
Bathroom	ghusal khana	غسل خانه
Bed	bistar	بستر
Bedroom	khawaabgaah	خواب گاه
Ceiling	androoni chhat	اندرونی حجیت

Chair	kursi	کرسی
Clothes	libaas	لباس
Coat	kot	کوٹ
Cup	kap	کپ
Desk	maiz	מֵינ
Dress	libaas	لباس
Floor	farash	ف رش
Fork (for eating)	kaanta, (khane ke lye)	كانٹا(كھانے كے ليے)
Furniture	farniture	فرنيچر
Glass	sheesha	شيشه
Hat	chhajje daar toopi	چھتے دارٹو پی
House	makaan	مكان
Ink	siyaahi	سيابى
Jacket	jaiket	جيكك
Kitchen	bawarchi khaana	باور چی خانه
Knife	chhuri	حچری
Lamp	laltain	لالثين

Letter	khat, murasla	خط،مراسله
Мар	naqsha	نقشه
Newspaper	akhbaar	اخبار
Notebook	notebook	نوٹ بک
Pants	patloone'n	پتاونیں
Paper	kaghaz	كاغذ
Pen	qalam	قلم
Pencil	pencil	پنسل
Pharmacy	dawakhana	دواخانه
Picture	tasweer	تصوريي
Plate	tashtari	طشترى
Refrigerator	refrigerator	ريفريجريٹر
Restaurant	ta'aamgaah	طعام گاه
Roof	chhat	حِيت
Room	kamrah	کمرہ
Rug	moose, rui ka ghaleecha	موثے،روئی کاغالیچیہ

Scissors	qainchi	قىنچى يىچى
Shampoo	shampoo	شيميو
Shirt	qameez	قميض
Shoes	jootey	جوتے
Soap	saabun	صابن
Socks	juraabe'n	جرابیں
Spoon	chamcha	ؠڿۣ؞ؚ
Table	meyz	מֵיל
Toilet	letreen, baitul khala	ليٹرين، بيت الخلار
Toothbrush	tooth brush	لوتھ برش لوتھ پیسٹ
Toothpaste	tooth paste	لوتھ پیسٹ
Towel	tooliya	توليه
Umbrella	chhatri	چھتری
Underwear	zair jaama	زبرجامه
Wall	deewaar	د بوار بٹوا
Wallet	batwa	ببوا
Window	khirki	کھڑکی

Telephone	telephone	ٹیلی فو ن
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Urdu adjectives like English modifier the quality of nouns or pronouns. In case of Urdu, the sound pattern of adjectives usually changes while English doesn't.

Example:

In case of female noun 'girl' گرل/ adjective 'good' (in urdu is pronounced as 'achhi' (انچی)

English Adjectives		Urdu Adjectives
Adjectives	ism-e-sifat	اسم صفت
A green tree	aik hara darakht	ایک ہرادرخت
A tall building	aik oonchi imarat	ایک <u>اونجی</u> عمارت

A very old man	aik umar raseeda aadmi	ایک عمررسیده آ دمی
The old red house	puraana lal ghar	<u>پرانا</u> لال گھر
A very nice friend	aik ziyada pasandeeda dost	ایک زیاده پسندیده دوست

English Questions		Urdu Questions
Questions	sawalaat	سوالات
How?	kaisa?	كيبا؟
What?	kya?	كيا؟
Who?	koon?	كون؟
Why?	kyoon?	کیوں؟
Where?	kub?	َ کب؟

Sentences of Questions

English		Urdu
Questions		Questions
Where is he?	woh kahan hai?	وہ کہاں ہے؟
What is this?	yeh kya hai?	یہ کیا ہے؟
Why are you sad?	aap kyon udaas hain?	آپ کیوں اُداس ہیں؟
How do you want to pay?	aap adayegi kaisey karna chahte hain?	آپادائیگی کیسے کرنا حیاہتے ہیں؟
Can I come?	kya main aa sakta hoon?	کیامیں آسکتا ہوں؟
Is he sleeping?	kya woh so raha hai?	کیاوہ <u>سور ہا</u> ہے؟
Do you know me?	kya aap mujhe jantey hain?	کیا آپ <u>مجھے جانتے</u> ہیں؟
Do you have my book?	kya aapke paas meri kitaab hai?	کیا آپ کے پاس میری کتاب ہے؟
How big is it?	ye kitna bada hai?	بیرکتنابرایے؟

Can I help	kya main aapki	کیا میں آپ کی مدد کر
you?	madad kar sakta	سکتا ہوں؟
	hoon?	ستنبأ ہوں ؛
Can you help	kya aap meri	کیا آپ میری مدد کر
me?	madad kar saktey	
	hain?	سکتے ہیں؟
Do you speak	aap angrezi boltey	کیا آپ انگریزی
English?	hain?	بو کتے ہیں؟
How far is	ye kitna door hai?	یه کتنا دور ہے؟
this?		(••
What time is	kya waqt huwa	کیاو ت ہواہے؟
it?	hai?	•
How much is	ye kitna hota hai?	یه کتنا ہوتا ہے؟
this?		•
What is your	aap ka naam kya	آپ کا نام کیا ہے؟
name?	hai?	7 ♣ • • *
Where do you	aap kahan rehtey	آپ کہاں رہتے ہیں؟
live?	hain?	<u> </u>