

## OTTOMAN TURKISH

Arabic script<sup>(0.0)</sup>

	Modern Turkish	Birnbaum 1967	WWS 1996	ALA-LC 1997	EI 1960
<b>Consonants</b>					
<i>iso ini med fin</i>					
ا	a	–	–	–	a, ā
ب	b, p	b	b [b, p]	b	b
پ	p	p	p [p]	p	p
ت	t	t	t [t]	t	t
ث	s	ṣ	ṣ [s]	ṣ	<u>th</u>
ج	c, ç	c	c [dʒ, tʃ]	c	<u>dj</u>
چ	ç	ç	ç [tʃ]	ç	č
ح	h	ḥ	ḥ [h]	ḥ	ḥ
خ	h	ḫ	ḫ [h]	ḫ	<u>kh</u>
د	d	d	d [d, t]	d	d
ذ	z	z	z [z]	z	<u>dh</u>
ر	r	r	r [r]	r	r
ز	z	z	z [z]	z	z
ژ	j	j	j [ʒ]	j	<u>zh</u>
س	s	s	s [s]	s	s
ش	ş	ş	ş [ʃ]	ş	<u>sh</u>
ص	s	ş	ş [s]	ş	ş
ض	z, d	ż	ż [z, d]	ż	ḍ
ط	t, d	ṭ	ṭ [t, d]	ṭ	ṭ
ظ	z	ẓ	ẓ [z]	ẓ	ẓ
ع	–	‘	‘ [Ø, a]	‘	‘
غ	ğ	ğ	ğ [ɣ, g, k, h]	ğ	<u>gh</u>
ف	f	f	f [f, p]	f	f
ق	k	q	q [k]	q	q
ك	k, y	k, y <sup>(2.1)</sup>	k [k, j]	k	k
گ	g, k	g	g [g, k]	g	g
ڭ	n	ñ	ñ [ɲ]	ñ	ñ
ل	l	l	l [l]	l	l
م	m	m	m [m]	m	m
ن	n	n	n [n]	n	n
و	v	v	v [v]	v	w
ه	h	h	h [h, a, i, e]	h	h
ة	–	e, a, t <sup>(2.2)</sup>	h [t <sup>(3.1)</sup> ]		
ی	y	y	y [j]	y	y
لا	la	lā	la [la]	la	lā
ء	– (‘)	’ <sup>(2.3)</sup>	’ [Ø]	’	’

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<b>Vowels</b>					
<i>iso ini med fin</i>					
اَ، آ، اِ، اِي	-a, -â	-ā	-	-	-ā
اِ، اِي، اِي، اِي	-i (-î), -ı,	-ī <sup>(2.4)</sup>	-	-	-ī, -î, -ē, -ā
اِ، اِي	-e, -a (-â)				
اِ، اِي	-o, -u (-û),	-ū	-	-	-ū, -ō, -ü, -ö
اِ، اِي	-ö, -ü				
اِ، اِي	-a, -e	-a, -e	[a, Ø; o, e <sup>(3.2)</sup>	-	-a, -e
اِ، اِي	-i, -ı <sup>(1.1)</sup>	-i, -ı	[i, y, e, ej,	-	-i, -î
اِ، اِي			a, u, w]		
اِ، اِي	-o, -u,	-ü, -u;	[Ø, u, w, i,	-	-o, -u,
اِ، اِي	-ö, -ü	-ö, -o	y, o, œ]		-ö, -ü

**Vowel letters in Turkish words**

آ	آ	-	ا	a	a, ē <sup>(2.5)</sup>
أ	أ		ا	e	e
		هَ، هِ		e, a	ě, ě <sup>(2.6)</sup>
		هَ، هِ		e, a	e, a <sup>(2.7)</sup>
هَ	هَ			e	e
يَ	اِي	يَ، يِ	يَ، يِ	i, ı	i, ı, é <sup>(2.8)</sup>
اِ	اِ	و	و	ö, o; ü, u	ö, o; ü, u
اِ	اِ			ö, ü	ö, ü
	اِي	اِي	اِي	ey, ay	ey, ay
	اِ	اِ	اِ	öy, oy, üy, uy	öy, oy, üy, uy
		يَ		-iye	-īye
		يَ		-iyyet	-īyet

اِ	III	-en	-en, -an	-	-	-en
اِ	III	-in	-in, -ın	-	-	-in
اِ	III	-on, -un	-ün, -un	-	-	-on, -un
اِ		<i>Marks absence of vowel.</i>				
اِ	IV	<i>Marks doubling of consonant.</i>				
اِ		el-, ül-	el-, 'l-, ül- <sup>(2.9)</sup>	-	-	el-, 'l-, ül-

**Notes**

0.0. Character names in Birnbaum transliteration: I. *tā merbūṭa*; II. *hemze*; III. *tenvīn*; IV. *teṣḍīd*.

0.1. Frequently written as ك or ك.

1.1. *Izāfet* is rendered in Modern Turkish as -i, -ı when the word ends in a consonant, and as -yi when the word ends in a vowel.

In Ottoman Turkish it is rendered as follows: -i, -ī: گلشن خلفا Gülşen-i ḥulefā.

After ا, ه or ی it is sometimes expressed by ء and is then transliterated -ʿi, -ʿī: إدارة صحت İdāre-ʿi Şihhat.

After ا or و it is sometimes expressed by ی, resulting in -yī: روی زمین rū-yī zemīn.

- 2.1. Softening of k is normally not indicated, but can occasionally be rendered by ğ.
- 2.2. Rendered as t at the end of the first element of an Arabic *izāfet* construction, of which the second element begins with a vowel: زبدة الحقائق Zūbdet ūl-ḥaḳāʾiḳ.
- 2.3. When *hemze* rests on non-initial ا or on و or on undotted , as “bearer”, these “bearers” are not transliterated: مسأله مسئله mesʿele, مؤمن müʿmin, رئیس reʿīs.  
When *hemze* rests on initial ا (أ, إ), it is not transliterated.
- 2.4. In Turkish scholarly transliterations ā is used.
- 2.5. Rarely transliterated as ē, examples include گمادی gelmēdi.
- 2.6. Used medially to indicate the vowels e or a, especially in late 19th or 20th century orthography: دهنیلیر dēnilir, آلهجق alācaḳ. Followed by a regular suffix e and a are used respectively.
- 2.7. Final ِه is transliterated i: کي ki, چونکه çünki.
- 2.8. In a limited number of historical spellings ê is used to indicate a closed e. Examples are: ديمک dēmek; ايتمک êtmek; ويرمک vërmek.
- 2.9. When followed by a “sun” letter (نزل ط ط ض ص ش س ز ذ د ث ت) the ل of the article is assimilated with the first consonant of the word, e.g. الترجمان et-tercümān.  
When immediately preceded by a long vowel, use ’a-: انا الحق enā ’a-Ḥaḳḳ; apply same procedure with “sun” letters: ابو السعود Ebū ’s-Suʿūd.  
When non-initial, transliterate ūl-: ابن الاثير Ibn ūl-Eṣṣīr; apply same procedure as above with “sun” letters: دار الشفا Dār üṣ-ṣifā.  
Names with عبد is always transliterated ‘Abdül-, (except عبد الرحمان which is ‘Abdūrrahmān); الدين always -eddīn; الله always -ullāh.

- 3.1. Indicates the Arabic feminine form.
- 3.2. Sometimes pronounced as [o] or [e].

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