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Column Headings: A = Arabic, P = Persian, OT = Ottoman Turkish, MT = Modern Turkish

A	P	OT	MT	A	P	OT	MT	A	P	OT	MT
ا	ب	ب	—	آ	zh	j	j	گ	—	g	g
ب	b	b	b or p	س	s	s	s	ل	l	l	l
پ	p	p	p	ش	sh	ş	ş	م	m	m	m
ت	t	t	t	ص	ş	ş	s	ن	n	n	n
ث	s	s	s	ذ	z	z	z	ه	h	h <sup>3</sup>	h <sup>3</sup>
ج	j	c	c	ط	t	t	t	و	w	v or u	v
ح	ch	ç	ç	ظ	z	z	z	ی	y	y	y
خ	ḥ	ḥ	h	ع	gh	gh	—	ة	-a <sup>1</sup>		
kh	kh	h	h	ق	f	f	g or ğ	ال	-a <sup>2</sup>		
d	d	d	d	ک	q	q	f				
dh	z	z	z				ḳ				
r	r	r	r				k or ṅ				
z	z	z	z				k or n				
							or y				
							or ğ				

<sup>1</sup> (-at in construct state)  
<sup>2</sup> (article) al- and 'l-  
<sup>3</sup> (when not final)

## VOWELS

ARABIC AND PERSIAN	OTTOMAN TURKISH	MODERN TURKISH
<i>Long</i> ا or آ ā	ā { words of Arabic	ā
و ū	ū { and Persian	ū
ي ī	ī { origin only	ī
<i>Doubled</i> ع iy (final form ī)	iy (final form ī)	iy (final form ī)
و' uww (final form ū), etc.	uvv	uvv
<i>Diphthongs</i> او au or aw	ev	ev
ای ai or ay	ey	ey
<i>Short</i> ا a	a or e	a or e
و u	u or ü	u or ü
و ö	o or ö	o or ö
ی i	i or i	i or i

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