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A	P	OT	MT	A	P	OT	MT	A	P	OT	MT
ع	'	'	—	ز	—	zh	j	ك	—	g	g
ب	b	b	b or p	س	s	s	s	ل	l	l	l
پ	p	p	p	ش	sh	sh	ş	م	m	m	m
ت	t	t	t	ص	ṣ	ṣ	ş	ن	n	n	n
ث	th	s	s	ض	ḍ	ḍ	z	ه	h	h ³	h ³
ج	j	c	c	ط	ṭ	ṭ	t	و	w	v or u	v
ح	—	ç	ç	ظ	ẓ	ẓ	z	ي	y	y	y
خ	kh	h	h	ع	gh	gh	g or ğ	ا	-a ¹		
د	kh	h	h	ق	f	f	f	ال	-a ²		
ذ	dh	d	d	ك	q	q	k				
ر	r	r	r				k or ñ				
ز	z	z	z				or y				
							or ğ				

¹ (-at in construct state)

² (article) al- and 'l-

³ (when not final)

VOWELS

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

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