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|---|---|----|--------|---|--------|--------|--------|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ا | ا | ا  | —      | ا | —      | zh     | j      | ك  | —               | g              | g              |
| ب | ب | ب  | b or p | س | s      | s      | s      | ل  | ل               | l              | l              |
| ت | پ | پ  | p      | ش | sh     | ş      | ş      | م  | م               | m              | m              |
| ث | ت | ت  | t      | س | s      | ş      | ş      | ن  | ن               | n              | n              |
| ج | ث | ث  | s      | د | d      | z      | z      | ه  | ه               | h <sup>3</sup> | h <sup>3</sup> |
| چ | ج | ج  | c      | ذ | z      | z      | z      | و  | v or u          | v              | v              |
| ح | چ | چ  | ç      | ز | z      | z      | z      | ی  | y               | y              | y              |
| خ | ح | ح  | h      | ع | gh     | g or ğ | g or ğ | ا  | -a <sup>1</sup> |                |                |
| د | خ | خ  | h      | ف | f      | f      | f      | ال | <sup>2</sup>    |                |                |
| ذ | د | د  | d      | ق | q      | ķ      | k      |    |                 |                |                |
| ر | ذ | ذ  | z      | ک | k or g | k or ñ | k or n |    |                 |                |                |
| ز | ر | ر  | r      |   |        | or y   | or y   |    |                 |                |                |
|   | ز | ز  | z      |   |        | or ğ   | 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 â                | â { words of Arabic | â                 |
| و û                                 | û { and Persian     | û                 |
| ي î                                 | î { origin only }   | î                 |
| <i>Doubled</i> ع iyy (final form î) | iy (final form î)   | iy (final form î) |
| و' uww (final form û), etc.         | uvv                 | uvv               |
| <i>Diphthongs</i> و au or aw        | ev                  | ev                |
| ي ai or ay                          | ey                  | ey                |
| <i>Short</i> ا a or e               | a or e              | a or e            |
| ا u                                 | u or ü              | u or ü            |
| ا o or ö                            | o or ö              | o or ö            |
| ا i                                 | i or i              | i or i            |

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