



Pronunciation Reference for the Ibrahim Yolu Culture Guide

Turkish Letter Pronunciation Guide

Vowels

- A/a: like “a” in father
- E/e: like “e” in bed
- I/ı: like “a” in about or “e” in roses
- İ/i: like “ee” in see
- O/o: like “o” in or
- Ö/ö: like “u” in curl
- U/u: like “oo” in food
- Ü/ü: like “ew” in few

Consonants

- C/c: like “j” in jam
- Ç/ç: like “ch” in chair
- Ğ/ğ: silent letter that lengthens preceding vowel
- H/h: like “h” in hat
- J/j: like “s” in measure
- R/r: slightly tapped/rolled
- S/s: like “s” in sun (never “z” in is)
- Ş/ş: like “sh” in shore

Kurdish (Kurmanji) Letter Pronunciation Guide

Vowels

- A/a: like “a” in father
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- Ê/ê: like “e” in they
- I/i: like “i” in sit
- Î/î: like “ee” in see
- O/o: like “o” in or
- U/u: like “oo” in food
- Ü/ü: like “u” in put

Consonants

- C/c: like “j” in jam
- Ç/ç: like “ch” in chair
- G/g: like “g” in go
- H/h: like “h” in hat
- J/j: like “s” in measure
- R/r: lite “r”, often tapped
- RR/rr: rolled “r”
- Ş/ş: like “sh” in shore
- W/w: like “w” in water
- X/x: like “ch” in Bach (German composer) or loch (Scotland)
- Y/y: like “y” in yes