

A Note on Pronunciation

Most Turkish letters are pronounced as in English. The exceptions are as follows:

c - sounds like the 'j' in jelly

ç - the 'ch' in chill

ğ - is a silent letter that lengthens the preceding vowel

ı - sounds like the 'u' in 'cranium'

ö - the 'ew' in jewel

ş - th 'sh' in sheep

ü - the first 'u' in usual

Taken from the pronunciation guide in Maureen Freely's translation of Pamuk's Snow