

## 1.4 Pronunciation differences of the tailed and dotted letters

There are three vowels which have dotted and undotted forms ( **I, O, U - İ, Ö, Ü** ) and two consonants which have tailed and non-tailed forms ( **C, S - Ç, Ş** ) in Turkish alphabet. These letters have different sounds than their undotted and non-tailed forms. Since these special sounds are not used in the most of the languages and they do not exist in Latin alphabet, they must be learned deeply by exercising the sounds insistently at the beginning of Turkish language acquisition process.

Although the letter A is considered as an undotted and the letter E is considered as a dotted vowel, they do not exist in the table below in order to show the sound differences between the vowels who have very similar shapes.

Now, please practice the Turkish sounds remembering their English sound equivalents in the table below. As always, please do not hurry and try to pronounce the sounds as carefully and slowly as possible.

### Dotted (Front) and Undotted (Back) Vowels

I Like the <b>i</b> sound in the word Cousin			İ Like the <b>EE</b> sound in the word KEEN		
WORD	SYLLABLES	MEANING	WORD	SYLLABLES	MEANING
Işık	I - şık	Light	İlgi	İl - gi	Interest
ılık	I - lık	Warm	İncir	İn - cir	Fig
Isı	I - sı	Heat	İlginç	İl - ginç	Interesting
Izdirap	Iz - dı - rap	Pain	İlaç	İ - laç	Medicine
Isırmak	I - sır - mak	to Bite	İnsan	İn - san	Human
Islık	Is - lık	Whistle	İnek	İ - nek	Cow
O Like the <b>o</b> sound in the word OFF			Ö Like the <b>u</b> sound in the word URGE		
WORD	SYLLABLES	MEANING	WORD	SYLLABLES	MEANING
Ot	Ot	Grass	Ölmek	Öl - mek	to Die
Oda	O - da	Room	Özlem	Öz - lem	Longing
Ocak	O - cak	January	Önemli	Ö - nem - li	Important
Ordu	Or - du	Army	Özür	Ö - zür	Excuse
Onur	O - nur	Pride	Önem	Ö - nem	Importance
Okul	O - kul	School	Ölü	Ö - lü	Dead
U Like the <b>u</b> sound in the word PUT			Ü Like the <b>u</b> sound in the word NUDE		
WORD	SYLLABLES	MEANING	WORD	SYLLABLES	MEANING
Uzay	U - zay	Space	Ülke	Ül - ke	Country
Un	Un	Flour	Ün	Ün	Fame
Uzak	U - zak	Away	Ünlü	Ün - lü	Famous
Umut	U - mut	Hope	Üçgen	Üç - gen	Triangle
Uyumak	U - yu - mak	to Sleep	Ümit	Ü - mit	Expectation
Unutmak	U - nut - mak	to Forget	Üzgün	Üz - gün	Sad