

Bet/ Vet

| Name | Book | Block | Cursive | Pronounced | Transliteration |
|-------|------|-------|---------|----------------------|-----------------|
| בֵּית | ב | ב | ב | b as in boy | b |
| בִּית | ב | ב | ב | no dot: v as in vine | v |

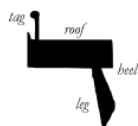
"Bet" (rhymes with "mate")
and has the sound of "b" as in "boy."



Aleph

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| אֵלֶּף | א | א | א | silent letter | ' (or none) |

"Aleph" (pronounced "ah-lef").
Aleph has no sound of its own, but usually has a vowel associated with it.



Dalet

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| דָּלֶת | ד | ד | ד | d as in door | d |

"Dalet" (pronounced "dah-let")
and has the sound of "d" as in "door."



Gimmel

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| גִּמְלוֹ | ג | ג | ג | g as in girl | g |

"Gimmel" (pronounced "geeh-mel")
and has the sound of "g" as in "girl."



Vav

| Name | Book | Block | Cursive | Pronounced | Transliteration |
|------|------|-------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| וָו | ו | ו | ו | v as in vine | v |

"Vav" (pronounced "vahv")
and has the sound of "v" as in "vine."



Hey

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|------|------|-------|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| הָה | ה | ה | ה | h as in hey | h |

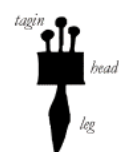
"Hey" (pronounced "hey")
and has the sound of "h" as in "hay."



Chet

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| חֵת | ח | ח | ח | ch as in Bach | ch |

"Chet" (rhymes with "let")
and has the (light scraping) sound of "ch" as in "Bach."



Zayin

| Name | Book | Block | Cursive | Pronounced | Transliteration |
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| זָיִן | ז | ז | ז | z as in zebra | z |

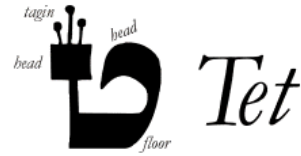
"Zayin" (pronounced "zah-yeen")
and has the sound of "z" as in "zebra."



Yod

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| יֹד | י | ו | י | y as in yes | y |

"Yod" (rhymes with "mode")
and has the sound of "y" as in "yes."



Tet

| Name | Book | Block | Cursive | Pronounced | Transliteration |
|------|------|-------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| טֵית | ט | ו | ט | t as in time | t |

"Tet" (rhymes with "met")
and has the sound of "t" as in "tall."



Lamed

| Name | Book | Block | Cursive | Pronounced | Transliteration |
|-------|------|-------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| לָמֶד | ל | ל | ל | l as in look | l |

"Lamed" (pronounced "lah-med")
and has the sound of "l" as in "look."



Kaf / Khaf

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|------|------|-------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| כָּף | כ | כ | כ | k as in kite | k |
| | כ | כ | כ | ch as in bach | kh |

"Kaf"
and has the sound of "k" as in "kite."



Nun

| Name | Book | Block | Cursive | Pronounced | Transliteration |
|------|------|-------|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| נֹון | נ | נ | נ | n as in now | n |

"Nun" (pronounced "noon")
and has the sound of "n" as in "now."



Mem

| Name | Book | Block | Cursive | Pronounced | Transliteration |
|------|------|-------|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| מֶם | מ | מ | מ | m as in mom | m |

"Mem"
and has the sound of "m" as in "mom."



Ayin

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|------|------|-------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| עֵין | ע | ע | ע | silent letter | ' (or none) |

"Ayin" (pronounced "ah-yeen").
Like Aleph, Ayin has no sound of its own, but
usually has a vowel associated with it.



Samekh

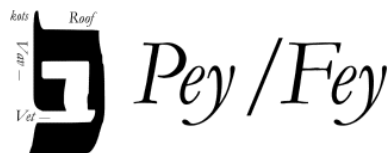
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| סָמֶךְ | ס | ס | ס | s as in son | s |

"Samekh" (pronounced "sah-mekh")
and has the sound of "s" as in "son."



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|------|------|-------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| צדי | צ | צ | צ | ts as in nuts | ts |

“Tsade” (pronounced “**tsah-dee**”) and has the sound of “ts” as in “**nuts**.”



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|------|------|-------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| פא | פ | פ | פ | p as in park | p |
| פא | פ | פ | פ | ph as in phone | ph / f |

“Pey” (rhymes with “pay”) and has the sound of “p” as in “**park**.”



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|------|------|-------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| ריש | ר | ר | ר | r as in rain | r |

“Resh” (pronounced “**raysh**”) and has the sound of “r” as in “**rain**.”



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|------|------|-------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| קף | ק | ק | ק | q as in queen | q / k |

“Qof” (pronounced “**kof**”) and has the sound of “q” as in “**queen**.”



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|------|------|-------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| תו | ת | ת | ת | t as in tall | t |

“Tav,” which has the sound of “t” as in “**tall**.”



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|------|------|-------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| שין | ש | ש | ש | sh as in shy | sh |
| שין | ש | ש | ש | s as in sun | s |

“Shin” (pronounced “**sheen**”) and has the sound of “sh” as in “**shy**.”



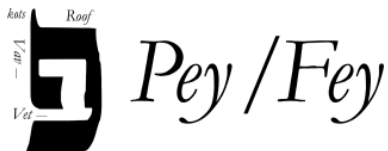
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| מם | מ | מ | מ | m as in mom | m |

“Mem” and has the sound of “m” as in “**mom**.”



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|------|------|-------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| כף | כ | כ | כ | k as in kite | k |
| כף | כ | כ | כ | ch as in bach | kh |

“Khaf” and has the sound of “kh” as in “**bach**.”



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|------|------|-------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| פֶּ | פ | פ | פ | p as in park | p |
| פֵּ | פ | פ | פ | ph as in phone | ph / f |
| פִּי | פ | פ | פ | | |

“Fey” (rhymes with “Fay”)
and has the sound of “ph” as in “*phone*.”



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|------|------|-------|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| נֹן | נ | נ | נ | n as in now | n |

“Nun” (pronounced “noon”)
and has the sound of “n” as in “*now*.”

Sofit Letters

(pronounced "so-feet")

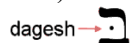


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|--------|------|-------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| צִדִּי | צ | צ | צ | ts as in nuts | ts |

“Tsade” (pronounced “*tsah-dee*”)
and has the sound of “ts” as in “*nuts*.”

Begedkephat Letters

Six Hebrew letters you have studied, namely, **Bet**, **Gimmel**, **Dalet**, **Kaf**, **Pey**, and **Tav** may appear with or without a dot placed within them. This **dot** is called a “Dagesh Kal” (or Dagesh Lene). For example:



Collectively these letters are sometimes called “**Begedkephat letters**” as an acronym for the names of letters:



Hebrew Flash Cards

Similar 1

Similar-Sounding Letters

| | | |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| ע | א | (Both are silent) |
| ו | ב | (Both sound like v) |
| ח | כ | (Both sound like ch) |
| ק | ט | (Both sound like k) |
| ת | ט | (Both sound like t) |
| ש | ס | (Both sound like s) |

Guttural Letters

The guttural letters **Aleph**, **Hey**, **Chet**, **Ayin** and **Resh**, are created in the throat. Because of the movement of the tongue and throat necessary to pronounce these letters, the normal flow of speech is interrupted whenever these gutturals are spoken.



Similar 2

Similar-Looking Letters

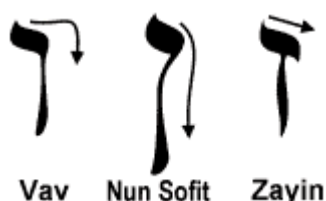
Vet's second stroke extends to the right of the first stroke, whereas Khaf is a single stroke.

Similar 3

Similar-Looking Letters

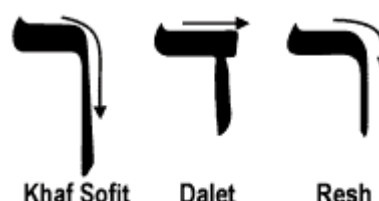
Tsade's second stroke comes from the top right, whereas Ayin's comes from the top left.

Similar 4

Similar-Looking Letters

Zayin's first stroke extends to the right of the vertical stroke, whereas Vav is a single stroke. Nun sofit looks like an extra long Vav.

Similar 5

Similar-Looking Letters

Dalet's first stroke extends across its second stroke, whereas Resh is a single stroke. Khaf sofit looks like a Resh with a long tail.

Similar 6

Similar-Looking Letters

Samekh has a rounded second stroke whereas Mem sofit has a square shape.

Similar 7

Similar-Looking Letters

Hey has a "window" at the top, whereas Chet does not; Tav has a "foot" that points left.

Similar 8

Similar-Looking Letters

Fey Sofit loops downward, whereas Tsade Sofit loops upward.

Similar 9

Similar-Looking Letters

Gimmel has a "foot" whereas Nun does not.