The Hebrew Alef-Bet

All 22 letters + 5 final forms · vowelized examples · ages 5–12 / K–6

אָלֶף־בֵּית

Alef — says “silent*” — א — *abba — dad* — אַבָּא

Bet — says “b” — ב — *bayit — house* — בַּיִת

Gimel — says “g” — ג — *gamal — camel* — גָּמָל

Dalet — says “d” — ד — *dag — fish* — דָּג

Hey — says “h” — ה — *har — mountain* — הַר

Vav — says “v” — ו — *vered — rose* — וֶרֶד

Zayin — says “z” — ז — *zayit — olive* — זַיִת

Chet — says “ch” — ח — *chatul — cat* — חָתוּל

Tet — says “t” — ט — *talit — tallit* — טַלִּית

Yud — says “y” — י — *yad — hand* — יָד

Kaf — says “k” — כ — *kelev — dog* — כֶּלֶב

Lamed — says “l” — ל — *lev — heart* — לֵב

Mem — says “m” — מ — *mayim — water* — מַיִם

Nun — says “n” — נ — *ner — candle* — נֵר

Samech — says “s” — ס — *sefer — book* — סֵפֶר

Ayin — says “silent*” — ע — *etz — tree* — עֵץ

Pey — says “p” — פ — *pil — elephant* — פִּיל

Tzadi — says “tz” — צ — *tzipor — bird* — צִפּוֹר

Quf — says “k” — ק — *kof — monkey* — קוֹף

Resh — says “r” — ר — *regel — leg* — רֶגֶל

Shin — says “sh” — ש — *shemesh — sun* — שֶׁמֶשׁ

Tav — says “t” — ת — *tapuach — apple* — תַּפּוּחַ

FINAL (SOFIT) FORMS

five letters change shape at the end of a word

Kaf sofit — says “ch” — ך — *melech — king* — מֶלֶךְ

Mem sofit — says “m” — ם — *shalom — peace* — שָׁלוֹם

Nun sofit — says “n” — ן — *gan — garden* — גַּן

Pey sofit — says “f” — ף — *chof — beach* — חוֹף

Tzadi sofit — says “ts” — ץ — *eretz — land* — אֶרֶץ

** Alef and Ayin have no sound of their own — they carry the vowel (nikud). Hebrew reads right → left.*

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