

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

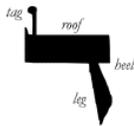
"Bet" (rhymes with "mate")
and has the sound of "b" as in "boy."



Aleph

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
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

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
דֶּלֶת	ד	ד	ד	d as in door	d

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



Gimmel

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
גִּמְלוֹל	ג	ג	ג	g as in girl	g

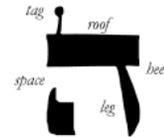
"Gimmel" (pronounced "geeh-mel")
and has the sound of "g" as in "girl."



Vav

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וָו	ו	ו	ו	v as in vine	v

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



Hey

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
הָה	ה	ה	ה	h as in hey	h

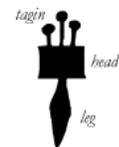
"Hey" (pronounced "hey")
and has the sound of "h" as in "hay."



Chet

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
חֵית	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
זָז	ז	ז	ז	z as in zebra	z

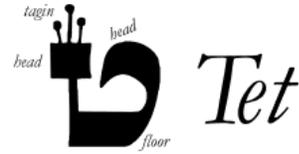
"Zayin" (pronounced "zah-yeen")
and has the sound of "z" as in "zebra."



Yod

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
יוד	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
טית	ט	ת	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
למד	ל	מ	ל	l as in look	l

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



Kaf / Khaf

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
קף	כ	כ	כ	k as in kite	k
	ח	ח	ח	ch as in bach	kh

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



Nun

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
נן	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
מן	מ	מ	מ	m as in mom	m

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



Ayin

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עין	ע	ע	ע	silent letter	' (or none)

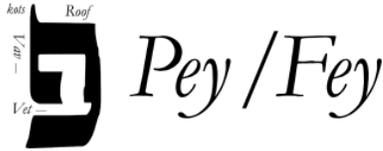
"Ayin" (pronounced "ah-yeen").
Like Aleph, Ayin has no sound of its own, but usually has a vowel associated with it.



Samekh

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
סנד	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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פֵּי	פ	פ	פ	p as in park	p
פִּי	פ	פ	פ	ph as in phone	ph / f
פִּי <i>sofit</i>	פ	פ	פ		

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



Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
נֵן	נ	נ	נ	n as in now	n
נִן	נ	נ	נ		

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

Sofit Letters

(pronounced "so-feet")



Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
צָרִי	צ	צ	צ	ts as in nuts	ts
	ץ	ץ	ץ		

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

Begeckephat 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:

dagesh → בּ

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

ב ג ד כ פ ת

Hebrew Flash Cards

Similar 1

Similar-Sounding Letters

- ע ו (Both are silent)
- ב ו (Both sound like v)
- ח ט (Both sound like ch)
- ט ק (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.

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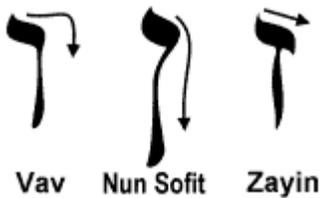
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Tsade's second stroke comes from the top right, whereas Ayin's comes from the top left.

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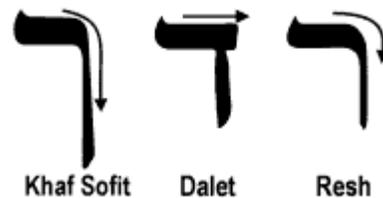
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Zayin's first stroke extends to the right of the vertical stroke, whereas Vav is a single stroke. Nun sofit looks like an extra long Vav.

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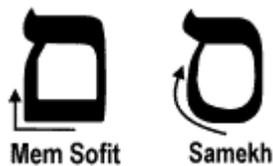
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Dalet's first stroke extends across its second stroke, whereas Resh is a single stroke. Khaf sofit looks like a Resh with a long tail.

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.