

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
דָּלֶת	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
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

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

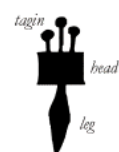
"Hey" (pronounced "hey")
and has the sound of "h" as in "hay."



Chet

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

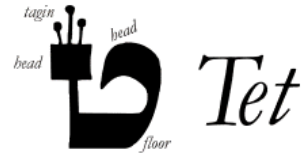
"Zayin" (pronounced "zah-yeen")
and has the sound of "z" as in "zebra."



Yod

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
יֹד	י	י	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	ט	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

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

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



Nun

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
נָּן	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
מָם	מ	מ	מ	m as in mom	m

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



Ayin

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
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

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
סָמֶךְ	ס	ס	ס	s as in son	s

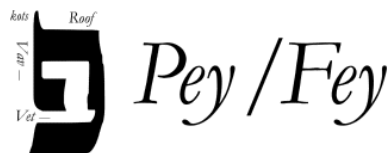
"Samekh" (pronounced "sah-mekh")
and has the sound of "s" as in "son."



Tsade

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
צדי	צ	צ	צ	ts as in nuts	ts

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



Pey / Fey

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
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**.”



Resh

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
ריש	ר	ר	ר	r as in rain	r

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



Qof

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
קוף	ק	ק	ק	q as in queen	q / k

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



Tav

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
תו	ת	ת	ת	t as in tall	t

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



Shin / Sin

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
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**.”



Mem

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מם	מ	מ	מ	m as in mom	m

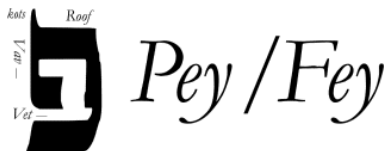
“Mem” and has the sound of “m” as in “**mom**.”



Kaf / Khaf

Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
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**.”



Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
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*.”



Name	Book	Block	Cursive	Pronounced	Transliteration
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")

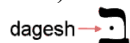


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צִדִּי	צ	צ	צ	ts as in nuts	ts

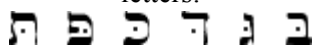
“Tsade” (pronounced “*tsah-dee*”)
and has the sound of “ts” as in “*nuts*.”

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

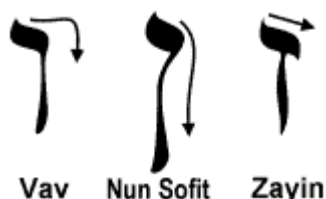
Vet's second stroke extends to the right of the first stroke, whereas Khaf is a single stroke.

Similar 3

Similar-Looking Letters

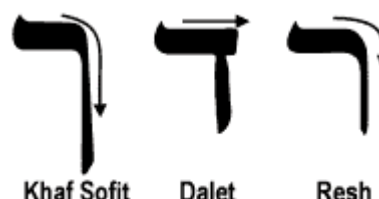
Tsade's second stroke comes from the top right, whereas Ayin's comes from the top left.

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.