

The A sound

Say: a as in father



Kamatz

a small T shape under the letter



Patach

a short line under the letter

Hebrew vowels are small marks placed under, over or inside a letter. You read the letter first and the vowel second. Two different marks give the same sound, A. In modern Hebrew you do not need to hear any difference between them.

Every letter with Kamatz

ט ta	ח cha	ז za	ה ha	ד da	ג ga	ב va	ב ba	א a
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Good to know. A dot inside a letter is not a vowel. In three letters it changes the sound: B or V, K or CH, P or F. In every other letter you can ignore it.

The A sound • read the syllables

Read each row out loud from right to left. The syllables come from this unit. They are not words. The point is to make the sounds automatic. Answers are at the back of the book.

יַ	קַ	נַ	גַ	שַׁ	נַ	1
קַ	לַ	פַ	זַ	כַ	דַ	2
שַׁ	פַ	קַ	אַ	פַ	צַ	3
עַ	שַׁ	קַ	בַ	כַ	פַ	4
זַ	חַ	גַ	תַ	פַ	טַ	5
בַ	דַ	גַ	זַ	עַ	אַ	6
מַ	שַׁ	גַ	דַ	חַ	סַ	7
גַ	לַ	צַ	זַ	צַ	שַׁ	8
קַ	אַ	פַ	בַ	אַ	בַ	9

Read the rows again, faster. Then read down the columns.

The A sound • real words

Every word here uses only vowels you have already learned. Read the Hebrew first, then check the sound underneath.

יָד

yad
hand

גַּן

gan
garden

אָבִיא

abba
dad

דָּג

dag
fish

חַג

chag
holiday

הַר

har
mountain

שָׁנָה

shana
year

עַם

am
people, nation

בַּת

bat
daughter

זָהָב

zahav
gold

קָטָן

katan
small

שַׁבָּת

Shabbat
Sabbath

Hello and thank you

Read each word out loud, then check the sound under it.

בְּבִקְשָׁה

bevakasha
please; you're welcome

תּוֹדָה

toda
thank you

שָׁלוֹם

shalom
hello, goodbye, peace

לֹא

lo
no

כֵּן

ken
yes

סְלִיחָה

slicha
sorry, excuse me

לַיְלָה טוֹב

laila tov
good night

עֶרֶב טוֹב

erev tov
good evening

בֹּקֶר טוֹב

boker tov
good morning

שַׁבַּת שָׁלוֹם

Shabbat shalom
a peaceful Sabbath

מַזָּל טוֹב

mazal tov
congratulations

לְהִתְרָאוֹת

lehitraot
see you later

Hello and thank you • practice

Read without help

The same words in a new order. Cover the left page and read them out loud.

עֶרֶב טוֹב	לִילָה טוֹב	שְׁלוֹם
שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם	בֹּקֶר טוֹב	תּוֹדָה
סְלִיחָה	לְהַתְּרָאוֹת	בְּבִקְשָׁה
מִזָּל טוֹב	כֵּן	לֹא

Match

Write the letter of the right meaning next to each Hebrew word.

1	לֹא	a	a peaceful Sabbath
2	עֶרֶב טוֹב	b	hello, goodbye, peace
3	מִזָּל טוֹב	c	sorry, excuse me
4	שְׁלוֹם	d	good evening
5	שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם	e	congratulations
6	סְלִיחָה	f	no

Write the sound

Write each word in English letters, the way it sounds.

_____ תּוֹדָה 2	_____ לְהַתְּרָאוֹת 1
_____ לִילָה טוֹב 4	_____ בֹּקֶר טוֹב 3

Signs you will see in Israel

The big word is how it looks on the sign. The small word under it shows the vowels.

<p>סגור</p> <p>סָגוּר</p> <p>sagur closed</p>	<p>פתוח</p> <p>פָּתוּחַ</p> <p>patuach open</p>	<p>יציאה</p> <p>יְצִיאָה</p> <p>yetsia exit</p>	<p>כניסה</p> <p>כְּנִיסָה</p> <p>knisa entrance</p>
<p>תחנה</p> <p>תַּחְנָה</p> <p>tachana station, stop</p>	<p>בית חולים</p> <p>בֵּית חוֹלִים</p> <p>beit cholim hospital</p>	<p>משטרה</p> <p>מִשְׁטָרָה</p> <p>mishtara police</p>	<p>שירותים</p> <p>שֵׁרוּתִים</p> <p>sherutim restrooms</p>
<p>חניה</p> <p>חֲנִיָּה</p> <p>chanaya parking</p>	<p>מסעדה</p> <p>מִסְעָדָה</p> <p>mis'ada restaurant</p>	<p>דואר</p> <p>דֹּאֵר</p> <p>doar post office</p>	<p>מונית</p> <p>מוֹנִית</p> <p>monit taxi</p>
<p>רחוב</p> <p>רְחוּב</p> <p>rechov street</p>	<p>קופה</p> <p>קָפָה</p> <p>kupa cashier</p>	<p>מחיר</p> <p>מַחִיר</p> <p>mechir price</p>	<p>עצור</p> <p>עָצוּר</p> <p>atsor stop</p>

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