Bereshit
בְּרֵאשִׁית

Lesson 2

Four new letters and our first vowel

Vav, Zayin, Chet and Tet, and the “a” sound



Warm-up

Remember these? Say the name and the sound

ה	ד	ג	ב	א
He	Dalet	Gimel	Bet	Alef

Start on the right. Then point to one and say it.

letter 6 of 22

Vav

Vav says “v” *as in van*



וָרֶד

ve-red: rose



How to write it

1. A tiny head at the top, going right
2. One straight line down from the head

letter 7 of 22

Zayin

Zayin says “z” *as in zoo*



זָהָב

za-hav: gold



How to write it

1. A short line across the top, like a little cap
2. A straight line down from the middle of the cap

letter 8 of 22

Chet

Chet says “ch”

a scratchy h, as in Bach



חָלָב

cha-lav: milk



How to write it

1. Like He: a line across the top, then down the right side
2. A leg on the left that DOES touch the roof

letter 9 of 22

Tet

Tet says “t” *as in top*



טָלֶה

ta-leh: lamb



How to write it

1. Start at the top left and go down
2. Curve around the bottom to the right, then up and curl in at the top

Careful!

These look alike

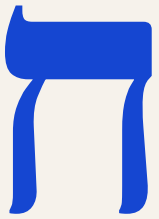


Zayin



Vav

Vav has a little head. Zayin wears a cap.



Chet



He

He has a gap at the top left. Chet is closed.

say it with me!

Our first vowel: the “a” sound

הָ	דָ	גָ	בָ	KAMATZ
הַ	דַ	גַ	בַ	PATACH

Both say “a”, as in father. Say the letter first, then the vowel: b + a = ba.

right to left

Read it!

וָ	הָ	דָ	גָ	בָ	ROW 1
בַ	אָ	טָ	חָ	זָ	ROW 2
זַ	וַ	הַ	דַ	גַ	ROW 3
חָ	בָ	אַ	טַ	חַ	ROW 4

you can read these!

Our first words

4

גַּג

roof

3

דָּג

fish

2

אַבָּא

papa

1

אָב

father

8

וָו

hook

7

זָהָב

gold

6

בָּא

he came

5

חַג

festival

Cover the English. Read the word, then guess what it means.

writing time

Write the letter

Your turn

grab a pencil!

1. Listen for a letter name.
2. Write it in the next box.
3. Hold it up to show everyone.
4. Bonus: listen for “ba” or “da”. Can you write the letter AND the vowel?

3

2

1

6

5

4

after the lesson

This week

Practice

ו ז ח ט

- One letter sheet a day: Vav, Zayin, Chet, Tet
- Each back has a “read it” row with the “a” sound
- Starter pages for younger learners

Every day

- 5-minute flashcards: all 9 letters and the two “a” vowels
- Read the first words again

Next lesson

- New letters: Yod, Kaf, Lamed
- New vowel: the “i” sound
- More words to read!