Bereshit
בְּרֵאשִׁית

Lesson 5

Three new letters and the “o” sound

Ayin, Pe, Tsadi, final Fe and final Tsadi, and the “o” sound



Lesson 4 letters: say the name and the sound

ן	ם	ס	נ	מ
Final Nun · n	Final Mem · m	Samekh · s	Nun · n	Mem · m

Final Mem and final Nun come only at the end of a word.

Mixed up! Name and sound, no help

ז	ך	א	ח	ם	ג	ס
כ	ט	ן	ה	י	ב	נ
	ל	כ	ב	ו	מ	ד

Point, then say it. Who can do a whole row?

Our vowels so far: “a”, “i” and “e”

נַ	לָ	מַ	בָּ	A
נִ	לִ	מִ	בִּ	I
נֶ	לֶ	מֶ	בֶּ	E

A little T or a line says “a”. One dot says “i”. Two dots or three say “e”.

Words we can already read

4

מִן

from

3

בֵּן

son

2

הֵם

they

1

אֵם

mother

8

מֶלֶךְ

king

7

כֵּן

yes, so

6

יֶלֶד

boy

5

לֶחֶם

bread

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

letter 16 of 22

Ayin

Ayin is quiet

like Alef, it holds a vowel



עַיִן

a-yin: eye



How to write it

1. A long line from the top right, curving down and out to the left
2. A short line from the top left, slanting down to meet it

letter 17 of 22

Pe

Pe says “p”

without the dot, Fe says f



פֶּה

pe: mouth



How to write it

1. Like Kaf: a line across the top, round the right side and back along the bottom
2. A little curl inside: from the top left, go down and turn in

letter 18 of 22

Tsadi

Tsadi says “ts” *as in cats*



צֹאן

tson: sheep and goats



How to write it

1. A long slanting line from the top left down to the right, then back along the bottom
2. A short arm from the top right, curving down to touch it

at the end of a word

Final Fe

Final Fe says “f” *at the end of a word*



כָּנָף

ka-naf: wing



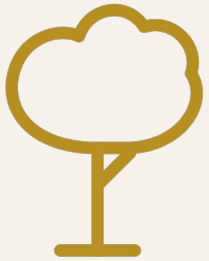
How to write it

1. Like final Khaf: across the top, round the corner, then a long line down below the bottom line
2. A little curl inside at the top left

at the end of a word

Final Tsadi

Final Tsadi says “ts” *at the end of a word*



עֵץ

ets: tree

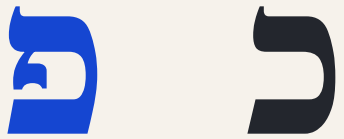


How to write it

1. From the top left, slant down to the middle, then a long line down below the bottom line
2. A short arm from the top right, curving down to meet it

Careful: these look alike

Kaf is empty. Pe has a little curl inside.



Ayin's long arm sweeps out at the bottom. Tsadi sits on a flat line.



Tsadi sits on the line. Final Tsadi drops a long leg below it.



Final Khaf is empty. Final Fe has a curl inside.



The “o” sound: one dot on top

הֹ	דֹ	גֹ	בֹ	HOLAM
הוֹ	דוֹ	גוֹ	בוֹ	HOLAM + VAV

One dot on top says “o”, as in go. A Vav with a dot on top says “o” too.

Read it! Right to left

מֹ	לֹ	צֹ	פֹ	עֹ	ROW 1
צֵ	פֶ	עִ	צָ	פֹ	ROW 2
סֹ	פֶ	צוֹ	עַ	נוֹ	ROW 3
דוֹ	צִ	עֵ	פִ	בֹ	ROW 4

New words to read

4

לֹא

no

3

כֹּל

all

2

יוֹם

day

1

טוֹב

good

8

פֹּה

here

7

צָפוֹן

north

6

עוֹלָם

forever

5

גָּדוֹל

big

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

Your turn: 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: write “po” or “lo” with the new vowel.



Spot the end letters

4

עֵץ

3

כֶּסֶף

2

אֶלֶף

1

כָּנָף

Point to the final Fe and the final Tsadi. Which two words start with Kaf?

Read it in the Bible!

GENESIS 1:4

כִּי־טוֹב

טוֹב

good

כִּי

that

God saw the light, that it was good.

after the lesson

This week

Practice

ע פ ף צ ץ

- One letter sheet a day: Ayin, Pe, final Fe, Tsadi and final Tsadi

Every day

- 5-minute flashcards: all 18 letters, the 5 end letters and the 'a', 'i', 'e' and 'o' vowels
- Read the new words again

Next lesson

- New letters: Qof, Resh, Shin and Sin, Tav
- New vowel: the 'u' sound