Bereshit
בְּרֵאשִׁית

Lesson 6

The last four letters and the “u” sound

Qof, Resh, Shin and Tav, and the “u” sound



Lesson 5 letters: say the name and the sound

ץ	ף	צ	פ	פּ	ע
Final Tsadi · ts	Final Fe · f	Tsadi · ts	Fe · f	Pe · p	Ayin · quiet

Final Fe and final Tsadi come only at the end of a word.

Mixed up! Name and sound, no help

ז	ך	פ	ח	ץ	ג	ע
כ	ט	ן	ה	י	צ	נ
ם	ל	ס	ב	ו	מ	פ

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

Our vowels so far: “a”, “i”, “e” and “o”

נַ	לָ	מַ	בָּ	A
נִ	לִ	מִ	בִּ	I
נֶ	לֶ	מֶ	בֶּ	E
נוֹ	לֹ	מוֹ	בֹּ	O

Under the letter: a, i, e. On top: o. Today's new sound is the last one.

Words we can already 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 say what it means.

letter 19 of 22

Qof

Qof says “k”

the same sound as Kaf



קוֹל

kol: voice



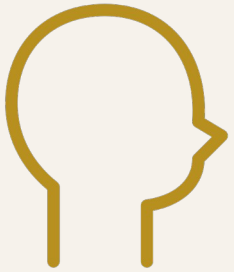
How to write it

1. A line across the top, round the corner and down the right side, like Resh
2. A long leg on the left: start a little below the top and go down below the line

letter 20 of 22

Resh

Resh says “r” *as in run*



רֹאשׁ

rosh: head



How to write it

1. A line across the top, round the corner, then straight down the right side
2. Keep the corner round. Dalet's corner is sharp and sticks out

letter 21 of 22

Shin

Shin says “sh”

with the dot on the left, Sin says s



שֶׁמֶשׁ

she-mesh: sun



How to write it

1. A cup: down the right side, round the bottom and up the left side
2. A line down the middle
3. Shin's dot on top at the right; Sin's dot on top at the left

letter 22 of 22: the last one!

Tav

Tav says “t”

the same sound as Tet



תֵּבָה

te-vah: ark



How to write it

1. Like He: a line across the top and down the right side
2. A leg on the left, from the top all the way down, with a little foot

Careful: these look alike

He's leg stays on the line.
Qof's leg drops below it.

ה ק

Dalet has a sharp corner that sticks out. Resh is round.

ד ר

Dot on the right: Shin, sh.
Dot on the left: Sin, s.

שׁ שׂ

Chet stands on two straight legs. Tav's left leg has a little foot.

ח ת

You know the whole Alef-Bet!

ח Chet	ז Zayin	ו Vav	ה He	ד Dalet	ג Gimel	ב Bet	א Alef
ע Ayin	ס Samekh	נ Nun	מ Mem	ל Lamed	כ Kaf	י Yod	ט Tet
		ת Tav	ש Shin	ר Resh	ק Qof	צ Tsadi	פ Pe

22 letters, from Alef to Tav. Say them all together!

The “u” sound: three dots, or a dot in Vav

הֻ	דֻ	גֻ	בֻ	QUBBUTZ
הוּ	דוּ	גוּ	בוּ	SHURUQ

Three slanting dots under the letter say “u”, as in blue. A Vav with a dot in its middle says “u” too.

Read it! Right to left

בּוּ	תֻ	שׁוּ	רוּ	קֻ	ROW 1
קוֹ	שָׁ	תִ	קָ	רָ	ROW 2
לוּ	קֻ	רֶ	תּוֹ	שֹׁ	ROW 3
סוּ	רְ	קוּ	שֶׁ	תָ	ROW 4

New words to read

4

שׁוּב

come back

3

רוּץ

run

2

קוּם

get up

1

הוּא

he

8

תּוֹרָה

teaching

7

שֵׁם

name

6

שָׁלוֹם

peace

5

סוּס

horse

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 “ku” or “tu” with the new vowel.



Shin or Sin? Look at the dot

4

שָׁמַשׁ

3

שֵׂם

2

עָשָׂה

1

שָׁלוֹם

Dot on the right says sh. Dot on the left says s. Which word has a Sin?

Read it in the Bible!

GENESIS 1:2

תֹּהוּ וָבֹהוּ

תֹּהוּ

empty

וָבֹהוּ

and bare

The earth was empty and bare.

after the lesson

This week

Practice

ק ר ש ת

- One letter sheet a day: Qof, Resh, Shin and Tav

Every day

- 5-minute flashcards: all 22 letters, the 5 end letters and all five vowels
- Read the new words again

Next lesson

- The dagesh dot and the sheva
- Reading longer words