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**THE HEBREW ALPHABET**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Letter** | **Sound** | **Letter Name** |
| **א** | [nothing] | Alef |
| **בּ** | [b] | Bet |
| **ב** | [v] | Vet |
| **ג** | [g] | Guimel |
| **ד** | [d] | Dalet |
| **ה** | [h] | He |
| **ו** | [v] | Vav |
| **ז** | [z] | Zayn |
| **ח** | [H] | Het |
| **ט** | [t] | Tet |
| **י** | [y] | Yud |
| **כּ** | [k] | Kaf |
| **כ** | [H] | Haf |
| **ך** | [H] | Final Haf |
| **ל** | [l] | Lamed |
| **מ** | [m] | Mem |
| **ם** | [m] | Final Mem |
| **נ** | [n] | Nun |
| **ן** | [n] | Final Nun |
| **ס** | [s] | SameH |
| **ע** | [nothing] | Ayin |
| **פּ** | [p] | Pe |
| **פ** | [f] | Fe |
| **ף** | [f] | Final fe |
| **צ** | [ts] | Tsade |
| **ץ** | [ts] | Final tsade |
| **ק** | [k] | Kuf |
| **ר** | [r] | Resh |
| **שׁ** | [sh] | Shin |
| **שׂ** | [s] | Sin |
| **ת** | [t] | tav |

VOWELS (used here with silent letter ALEF):

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Vowel | Sound |
| **אֹ** | **[o]** |
| **אֻ** | **[oo]** |
| **אַ** | **[a]** |
| **אָ** | **[a]** |
| **אִ** | **[ee]** |
| **אֶ** | **[eh]** |
| **אוֹ** | **[o]** |
| **אוּ** | **[oo]** |
| **אֵ ; אְ** | **Short [eh] or nothing** |

**Step 1 - Alef to Hey**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ה | ד | ג | ב | בּ | א |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| בַּ | בָּ | בֹּ | בֻּ | בִּ | בַּ | בָּ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| גָ | בַ | בָ | בַּ | בָּ | אָ | אַ |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| בָּ | בֻ | דַ | בִ | גִ | בֻ | גֹ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| דֻ דִ | גֻ דַ | בֻּ גָ | בֻּ בֻּ | אָ בּ | בִּ בִּ | בֻ בִ |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| דַ גִ | בַּ בֻּ בִּ | | הֻ הֻ הֻ | | הַ הַ הָ | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| גִגֹבֻּהַבִּדָ | | | | בֻּבַּבַּדֻדִגָ | | |

Write down the sounds the teacher is saying:

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**Step 1 - Alef to Hey – phonetics**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | h | d | g | v | b |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ba | ba | bo | boo | bee | ba | ba |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ga | va | va | ba | ba | a | a |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ba | voo | da | vee | g-ee | voo | go |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| doo  dee | goo  da | boo  ga | boo  boo | ab | bee  bee | Voo  vee |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| dagee | baboobee | | hoohoohoo | | hahaha | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| g-eegoboo  habeeda | | | | boobaba  doodeega | | |

**Step 2 - Vav to Kaf (Vav with dots make vowel sound: וֹ =O ; וּ =OO)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | כּ | י | ט | ח | ז | ו |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| וּ | ו | וֹ | וּ | ו | וֹ | וֹ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| יַ | טַ | טָ | חֹ | חִ | חַ | חַ |

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| כֹּכֹּ | טַטָו | טִזוּ | כַּחֹ | זוּז | כּוּ | טֻיַ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| כִּכֹּ | יָטָי | זוּז | חֹכָּטָ | חֹז | ו | יַכִּי |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| חֹחִ | זוּחִיַחָ | | כֹּחֹזֹזִ | | טִטָזַזִכָּ | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| חֹכָּטָזוּזִ | | | | טוּיוּחוּ | | |

Write down the sounds the teacher is saying:

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**Step 2 - Vav to Kaf – phonetics**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | k | y | t | H | z | v |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| oo | v | o | oo | v | o | o |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ya | ta | ta | Ho | Hee | Ha | Ha |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| koko | tatav | teezoo | kaHo | zooz | koo | tooya |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| keeko | yatay | zooz | Hotaka | Hoz | v | yakee |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HoHee | zooHeeHa | | koHozozee | | teetazazeeka | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hokatazoozee | | | | tooyooHoo | | |

**Step 3 - recap - Alef to Kaf**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| טוֹ | טוּ | חִ | הִ | בַ | בַּ | כָּ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| דִ | דֻ | גֹ | גָ | גִ | טָ | הֻ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| אֻ | טָ | זֻ | דָ | כֶּ | הִ | גַ |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| אֻיַ | טָטִ | זֻזֶ | דָחַ | כֶּבֹּ | הִבֻ | גַחִ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| כוּדִ | טָטִכָּ | זֻזֶחִ | דָחַבַ | כֶּבֹּ | הִבֻבֻ | גַחִגֹ |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| דָג | גַג | | דוֹב | | אַבָּא | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| דָהִבֻגֹבָּטוּ | | | | בֶּגֶד | | |

Write down the sounds the teacher is saying:

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**Step 3 - recap - Alef to Kaf – phonetics**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| to | too | Hee | hee | va | ba | ka |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| dee | doo | go | ga | g-ee | ta | hoo |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| oo | ta | zoo | da | ke | hee | ga |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ooya | tati | zooze | daHa | keko | heevoo | gaHee |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hoo  dee | ta  tee  ka | zoo  ze  Hee | da  Ha  va | ke  bo | hee  Voo  voo | Ga  Hee  go |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| dag | gag | | dov | | aba | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| daheevoogobatoo | | | | beged | | |

**Step 4 - Haf to Nun**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ן | נ | ם | מ | ל | ך | כ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| מֹ | מָ | מוֹ | לָ | לוּ | לֻ | לִ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| מֻם | לִך | כַכָ | לֹם | נַן | מַמִ | לֻלִ |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| נוּ | נוֹ | לָלָ | מַה | כֵּן | כָּך | מִלָה |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| מוּל | מוּ | כַמָה | כְּמוֹ | מִין | כָּך | כֹּל |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | מִלמוּל | | מָלֵא | | מילים | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| כָּכָה כָּכָה | | | | כּוֹכָב | | |

Write down the sounds the teacher is saying:

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**Step 4 - Haf to Nun - phonetics**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| n | n | m | m | l | H | H |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| mo | ma | mo | la | loo | loo | lee |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| moom | leeH | HaHa | lom | nan | mamee | loolee |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| noo | no | lala | ma | ken | kaH | meela |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| mool | moo | kama | kmo | meen | kaH | kol |

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|  | meelmool | | maleh | | meeleem | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| kaHa kaHa | | | | koHav | | |

**Step 5 - recap – Alef to Nun**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| כַ | ך | לַ | מַ | ם | נַ | ן |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| דָ | אַ | חַ | יַ | גַ | עַ | טַ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| דָם | גַם | יָם | הֵם | חַם | כֵּן | אֵם |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| דָטָ | חַדָ | גֻדַ | זֶזֻ | גָבֻּ | כּוּ | כֶּבֹּ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| גֹגַגֹ | חֹכַּ | חַדָב | חִגֹג | טוּג | הֹה | בֻּ |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| דַגֻדָ | בֻּטבִּדהַ | | נוֹלָל | | בֻּהֻהֻ | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| טַזוּטָו | | | | טִכוּגָבֻּ | | |

Write down the sounds the teacher is saying:

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**Step 5 - recap – Alef to Nun - phonetics**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ha | H | la | ma | m | na | n |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| da | a | Ha | ya | ga | a | ta |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| dam | gam | yam | hem | Ham | ken | em |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| data | Hada | gooda | zezoo | gaboo | koo | kebo |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| gogago | Hoka | Hadav | Higog | toog | hoh | boo |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| dagooda | bootbeeda | | nolal | | boohoohoo | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tazootav | | | | teeHoogaboo | | |

**Step 6 - Sameh to Tsade**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ץ | צ | ף | פ | פּ | ע | ס |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| צֹ | פוּ | פּוֹ | עֶ | עֻ | סָ | סַ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| סוֹ | סוּ | סִ | צִ | עִ | פִּ | פִ |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| סָסֻ | פָּפוּ | עֶעִ | סָסֹ | פֻפוּ | צִצָ | פָּפּוֹ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| עָץ | פַּף | עֶ | עֶ | פֶ | פֶּ | סֶ |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | אַף | | פִּיל | | פַּעַם | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| עֶפֶסָפִּצִ | | | | סָסֹפֻצָסֻ | | |

Write down the sounds the teacher is saying:

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**Step 6 - Sameh to Tsade - phonetics**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ts | ts | f | f | p | silent | s |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tso | foo | po | eh | oo | sa | sa |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| so | soo | see | tsee | ee | pee | fee |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| sasoo | pafoo | ehee | saso | foofoo | tseetsa | pafo |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ats | paf | eh | eh | feh | peh | seh |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | af | | peel | | paam | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ehfehsapeetsee | | | | sasofootsasoo | | |

**Step 7 - Koof to Tav**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | ת | שֹ | שׁ | ר | ק |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| קוּ | קֻ | קֹ | קִ | קֶ | קַ | קָ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| רֻר | רוֹרוּ | רוּרוֹ | רֹרִ | רִרֹ | רֶרֶ | רַרָ |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| שׁוּ | שֹוּ | שׁוֹ | שֹוֹ | שֶׁ | שֶֹ | שֻׁ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| קַר | יֵשׁ | שֵׁם | שָׁם | רֹאשׁ | שֵׁשׁ | קֶשֶׁת |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| רָ | לָשִׁיר | | לִקְשׁוֹר | | שֶׁקֶט | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| שָׁקשׁוּקַה | | | | קִשׁקוּשׁ | | |

Write down the sounds the teacher is saying:

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**Step 7 - Koof to Tav - phonetics**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | t | s | sh | r | k |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| koo | koo | ko | kee | keh | ka | ka |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| roor | roroo | rooro | roree | reero | rehreh | rara |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| shoo | soo | sho | so | sheh | seh | shoo |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| kar | yesh | shem | sham | rosh | shesh | keshet |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ra | lasheer | | leekshor | | sheket | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| shakshooka | | | | keeshkoosh | | |

**Step 8 - recap – Alef to Tav**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| סֻ | צָ | רֹ | שׁוֹ | גֶ | מַ | בֻּ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| לָ | בֶּ | בֹּ | בֻּ | בִּ | בַּ | בָּ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| פֻמַ | וּצִ | דֻדִ | שֻׁצָ | שֶֹפָּ | זֻגֻ | פּוֹ |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| לִגֹ | חִקֶ | לָשִׁ | דַהֹ | זֶטוּ | שׁוֹ | שֶׁט |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| אֶת | חָדָשׁ | קָטָן | הוּא | כְּמוֹ | טוֹב | מַזָל |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| אֲבָל | קִילוֹגְרַם | | שָׁלוֹם | | מִשְׁפַּחַה | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| מְסוּבָּך | | | | תְשׁוּבָה | | |

Write down the sounds the teacher is saying:

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**Step 8 - Recap – Alef to Tav - phonetics**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| soo | tsa | ro | sho | geh | ma | boo |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| la | beh | bo | boo | bee | ba | ba |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| foo  ma | oo  tsee | doo  dee | shoo  tsa | sepa | zoo  goo | po |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| lee  go | Hee  ke | la  shee | da  ho | ze  too | sho | shet |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| et | Ha  dash | ka  tan | hoo | cmo | tov | mazal |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| aval | kilogram | | shalom | | meeshpaHa | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| mesubaH | | | | teshoova | | |

**Step 9 - two exceptions:**

ח at the end of a word is always pronounced ‘aH’

יו at the end of a word is pronounced ‘av’