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# Hebrew vowel chart and practice

Read right to left. Find the vowel mark, then say the word aloud.

## Five vowel sounds in Modern Israeli Hebrew

| Vowel sound | Signs on bet | Example word |
|---|---|---|
| **a** | בַ patach<br>בָ kamatz | בַּיִת<br>*bayit* • house |
| **e** | בֶ segol<br>בֵ tsere | סֵפֶר<br>*sefer* • book |
| **i** | בִ hiriq | שִׁיר<br>*shir* • song |
| **o** | בֹ holam<br>בוֹ holam with vav | יוֹם<br>*yom* • day |
| **u** | בֻ kubutz<br>בּוּ shuruk | סוּס<br>*sus* • horse |

The dot inside בֹ is part of the consonant here. For O and U, compare the dot above the vav in וֹ with the dot inside the vav in וּ.

## Read five words

Cover the answers. Read each word aloud and write its first vowel sound.

| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| דָּג | אִם | אֵם | אוֹר | חוּט |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

**Answers:** 1. *a*, dag (fish) 2. *i*, im (if) 3. *e*, em (mother) 4. *o*, or (light) 5. *u*, khut (thread)

Hear O and U at yallasafa.io/learn/hebrew-vowels-niqqud.html.

Reference: Academy of the Hebrew Language, Hebrew orthography.