

Read Hebrew in simple steps

Lesson 4

ל



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Do you remember the letter ה ? Until now we have used it only in the end of the words, which means that it has no sound. But from now on we are going to use it in the beginning and in the middle of the words, so that it is going to be the beginning of syllables. In this case, it sounds aspirated “H” (like in House, or Horse). Check the following syllables:

הַ HA

הֶ HA

הֵ HE

הֵ HE

הָהַ HA

הֵהֵ HE

הוּ HO

הוּ HOO

הֵּ HEE

הֵּי HEE



Not always a consonant is followed by a vowel, the same way it happens in English. Check the following examples:

אֵת AT

אוֹר OR

מֵר MAR

When it happens in the end of the word, like the examples above, no symbol is used with the letter. But when it happens in the middle or in the

beginning of the word, a symbol called “Shvah” is used below the letter, as you can see below:



תְּ רֵנֶּמְ

Check the following examples:

נֹרְמָה NORMAH

מַרְתָּה MARTAH

אַנְתָּה ANTAH

נַתְּנֵי NATNEE

אוֹמְנָה OMNAH

מֵת MET

נֵר NER



אַרְנַת ARNAT

מֵתְרוֹ METRO

אַמְרָה AMRAH

תְּמוּנָה TMUNÁ

✍ Read and copy. Practice it until you get confident.

_____ הַר

_____ הוֹר

_____ הַהַר

תְּרוּמָה

אָמְרוּ

אִמַּרְתִּי

הִתְנַמַּר


מִתַּת

מוֹת

רוֹת

הַמִּנְתָּה

הוֹרְנִי


 The letter א “Aleph” appears not only in the beginning of the syllables, but also in the end, even in the end of the words. It keeps silent, the same way. Check the following examples:



אִמָּא Ima

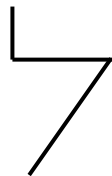
הוּא Hu

הִיא Hi

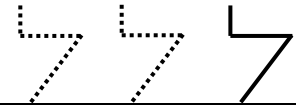
 The following letter is the letter “Lamed”, that sounds “L”:

ל

Look how to write it by hand:



✍ Copy it several times in order to practice:



■ Check the following examples:

לָה LAH

לוּ LO

לוֹ LOO

לִי LEE

אֶל AL

אֵל EL



תֵּלְמָה TELMAH



We have learned that ם is the vowel “O”. But there is another symbol to represent this vowel. It’s just a dot above the letter in the left side:

תּ TO

מּ MO

אּ O

✍ Read and copy. Practice it until you get confident.

_____ לָהּ
_____ לוֹ

_____ לֹא

_____ לִי לִי

_____ לָלָה

_____ לְלִי

_____ לֹלָה

_____ לִינָה

_____ לֹנָה

_____ לִימָה

_____ לֹמָה

_____ מוּלָה

_____ מִיָּלָה

_____ אָלָה

_____ אָמָה

_____ אִימָא

_____ לִירָה
_____ לוֹרָה
_____ לִרָה
_____ לְתָה
_____ תְּלָה
_____ תְּלָה
_____ אֶלְמָה
_____ אֶלּוּל