

Gk-101 Introduction to Hebrew and Greek

Vowels Part 2

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Long Vowels Practice

ג ד ב

Bah Deh Go

Qamets Tserere Holem

Pronounce the consonant First, and then add the vowel !

Short Vowels Practice



Bah Deh Gee Koh Lu

Pathach - Seghol - Hireq - Qamets Hatuf - Qibbuts

Pronounce the consonant First, and then add the vowel !

The Vowel Letters, ה ו י

- The three vowel letters were introduced years before the Masoretes.
- So, the Masoretes preserved the vowel letters and incorporated their points into them.
- In these combination letters, the letter plus the vowel points combine to make one vowel sound.

Composite Vowels



וי

Hireq Yod

î

as in machine

Composite Vowels



תְּרֵרֵי

Tserere Yod

ê

as in they

Composite Vowels



וי

Seghol Yod

ey

as in they

Composite Vowels



בּ

Shureq

û

as in brute

Composite Vowels



בה

Tseré Hé

ēh

as in they

Composite Vowels



בה

Seqhol He

eh

as in they

Composite Vowels



בָּה

Qamets He

â

as in father

Composite Vowels



בה

Qamets He

ōh

as in hole

Composite Vowels Practice – Part 1

פִּי כִי לִי רוּ תוּ

Pî

Kê

Ley

Rô

Tû

Hireq Yod – Tseré Yod – Seghol Yod – Holem Waw - Shureq

Pronounce the consonant First, and then add the vowel !

Composite Vowels Practice – Part 2

כֶּה לֶה רֶה תֶה

Kēh

Leh

Râ

Tōh

Tsere He – Seghol He – Qamets He – Holem He

Pronounce the consonant First, and then add the vowel !

The Five Reduced Vowels – all Shewa

Complexity	Vowel	Name	Sound	Transliteration
Simple Shewa	◌ְ	Shewa	Banana	e
Simple Shewa	◌ֵ	Shewa	[silent]	[none]
Composite Shewa	◌ֶ	Hateph Shewa	Banana	ă
Composite Shewa	◌ֹ	Hateph Seghol	Banana	ě
Composite Shewa	◌ֻ	Hateph Qamets	Banana	ǒ