

Worksheet 1. *Pronounce the alphabet.*

There are exactly 22 characters in the Hebrew alphabet. Every character in the Hebrew alphabet is a *consonant*—none of them are vowels. Words spelled with only the Hebrew alphabet omit the vowels.

Some characters become quiet when combined with certain vowels; gutturals are pronounced at the back of the throat; characters that can take the dot (Dagesh) have a hard and a soft pronunciation.

The actual ancient Hebrew word pronunciations are *unknown*. The current consensus is colored by the pronunciation of *modern* Hebrew. Modern Hebrew pronunciation itself *varies* regionally.

Middle.	Final.	Paleo.	Meaning.	Numeral.	English.	Name.	Pronunciation.	Type.
1. א		𐤀	Ox.	1	'	Aleph.	(silent)	Quiet guttural.
2. ב or כ		𐤁	House.	2	b	Beth.	'b' like bait or 'v' like vain.	Hard and soft.
3. ג or נ		𐤂	Camel.	3	g	Gimel.	'g' like gimbal.	Hard and soft.
4. ד or ד		𐤃	Door.	4	d	Daleth.	'd' like dolly.	Hard and soft.
5. ה		𐤄	Window.	5	h	He.	'h' like hey.	Quiet guttural.
6. ו		𐤅	Hook.	6	v	Waw.	'v' like evolve.	Quiet.
7. ז		𐤆	Weapon.	7	z	Zayin.	'z' like zany.	
8. ח		𐤇	Thread.	8	ch	Cheth.	'ch' like case.	Guttural.
9. ט		𐤈	Wheel.	9	t	Teth.	't' like taze.	
10. י		𐤉	Arm.	10	y	Yodh.	'y' like yodel.	Quiet.
11. כ or כ	ך	𐤊	Hand.	20	k	Kaph.	'k' like cough.	Hard and soft.
12. ל		𐤋	Goad.	30	l	Lamedh.	'l' like llama.	
13. מ	ם	𐤌	Water.	40	m	Mem.	'm' like memory.	
14. נ	ן	𐤍	Fish.	50	n	Nun.	'n' like noon.	
15. ס		𐤎	Pillar.	60	s	Samech.	's' like sandwich.	
16. ע		𐤏	Eye.	70	'	Ayin.	(silent)	Guttural.
17. פ or פ	ף	𐤏	Mouth.	80	p	Pe.	'p' like pay or 'f' like faith.	Hard and soft.
18. צ	ץ	𐤐	?	90	ts	Tsade.	'ts' like pizza.	
19. ק		𐤑	?	100	q	Qoph.	'q' like coffee.	
20. ר		𐤒	Head.	200	r	Resh.	'r' like radish.	
21. ש or ש		𐤓	Tooth.	300	sh	Shin or Sin.	'sh' like sheen or 's' like seen.	
22. ת or ת		𐤔	Mark.	400	th	Taw.	't' like tall or 'th' like thaw.	Hard and soft.
	ך			500				
	ם			600				
	ן			700				
	ף			800				
	ץ			900				