

Chapter 2 — Vowel Identification Exercise

Hebrew Vowels — Identification and Classification

For each Hebrew form shown, identify: (1) Vowel Name, (2) Vowel Class (A / E / I / O / U / Reduced), (3) Quantity (Long / Short / Reduced), (4) Notes (e.g., mater lectionis present, composite sheva, dagesh forte). The letter ■ (mem) serves as the carrier consonant for most items.

#	Form	Vowel Name	Class	Quantity	Notes
1	הְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הְ	Qamets	A	Long	Standard long A; T-bar shape below consonant
2	הֶ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הֶ	Tsere	E	Long	Standard long E; two dots horizontally below consonant
3	הִ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִ	Hireq	I	Short	Standard short I; single dot below consonant
4	הוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הוּ	Holem	O	Long	Long O; single dot above the letter to the upper left
5	הֻ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הֻ	Qibbuts	U	Short	Short U; three diagonal dots below consonant
(-) הְ	הְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(-) הְ	✓	Vocal Sheva	Reduced	Reduced	Vocal — word must begin with a vowel sound; /■/
7	הַ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הַ	Patah	A	Short	Standard short A; horizontal bar below consonant
8	הֶּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הֶּ	Seghol	E	Short	Standard short E; three dots (inverted triangle)
9	הִי	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִי	Hireq Yod	I	Long	Hireq with yod mater lectionis; yod is quiescent
10	הוּו	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הוּו	Holem Vav	O	Long	Holem with vav mater lectionis; vav is quiescent
11	הוּוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הוּוּ	Shureq	U	Long	Long U; vav with a dot in its center; vav is mater
(-) הְ	הְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(-) הְ	✓	Silent Sheva	—	—	Silent — marks the close of the final syllable
13	הֱ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(,) הְ	✓	Qamets Hatuf	O	Short	Same shape as Qamets; O-class in closed unaccented syllable
14	הִי	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִי	Tsere Yod	E	Long	Tsere with yod mater lectionis; yod is quiescent
15	הִי	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִי	Hireq Yod	I	Long	Long I with yod mater; dagesh lene in kaph; word = because/that
(=) הְ	הְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(=) הְ	✓	Qamets Hatuf	O	Short	O-class, short; same glyph as Qamets; closed unaccented syllable
17	הֶּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הֶּ	Hatef Patah	A	Reduced	Composite sheva; A-class; used under gutturals
18	הֶ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>