

What does the student need to know?
 names of the vowels
 sounds of the vowels
 whether vowels are long or short
 how to write the vowels

VOWELS

short

patach	פָּתַח	◻	a (as in father)	<i>a-class</i>
segol	סֶגוֹל	◻	e (as in send)	<i>i-class</i>
hireq	חִירֵק	◻	i (as in bee in MH)	<i>i-class</i>
qamets qatan (or qamets hatuf)	קָמֵץ קָטָן	◻	o (in closed unaccented syllables)	<i>u-class</i>
qibbuts	קִבּוּץ	◻	u (as in flute)	<i>u-class</i>

long (defective)

qamets	קָמֵץ גָּדוֹל	◻	a (as in father)	<i>a-class</i>
tsere	צֵרִי	◻	e (as in they)	<i>i-class</i>
holem	חֹלֶם	◻	o (as in slow)	<i>u-class</i>

long (plene)

qamets yod	יֵ		a (as in aisle)	<i>a-class</i>
segol yod	יֶ		e (as in bet)	<i>i-class</i>
tsere yod	יִ		e (as in they)	<i>i-class</i>
hireq yod	יִ		i (as in bee)	<i>i-class</i>
holem vav	וֹ		o (as in slow)	<i>u-class</i>
shureq	וּ (שׁוּרֵק)		u (as in flute)	<i>u-class</i>

sheva vowels

sheva	◻ (שְׁוָא)		slight uh	--
hateph patach	◻ (חֶטֶף פָּתַח)		shortened a	<i>a-class</i>
hateph segol	◻ (חֶטֶף סֶגוֹל)		shortened e	<i>i-class</i>
hateph qamets	◻ (חֶטֶף קָמֵץ)		shortened o	<i>u-class</i>

The Vowel Chart

		A class	I class		U class	
		a	e	i	o	u
	short	◻	◻	◻	◻	◻
<i>defectiva</i>	changeable long	◻	◻		◻	
<i>plene</i>	unchangeable long		יֵ	יִ	וֹ	וּ
	reduced	◻	◻		◻	

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