

# Ancient Hebrew Education Center

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**Instructions:** Read and study the following article to familiarize yourself with the mechanics of the ancient Hebrew Alphabet.

## The Mechanics of the Ancient Hebrew Alphabet

### Picture

Each letter is a picture representing an object, animal or body part. For instance, the letter פ is a picture of a mouth.

### Meaning

Each picture includes an extended meaning related to the pictograph. For example, the letter פ has the extended meanings of speak, blow and open.

### Syllable

Each letter is associated with a single syllable of two letters. This syllable is also the name of the letter. The name of the פ is "peh" and is also the Hebrew word for "mouth."

### Sound

The first letter of the syllable, the name of the letter, provides a single sound for the purpose of forming words. The sound of the letter פ is "p."