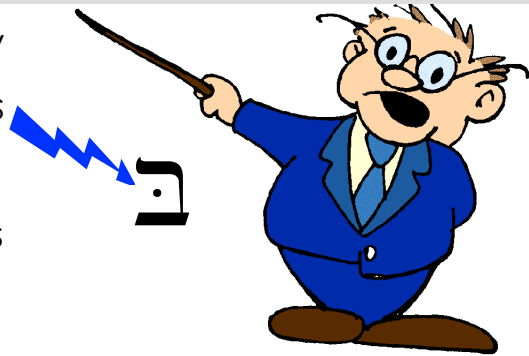


Data On Dagesh

As you have seen, some of the Hebrew letters have dots inside them. This dot is called a “Dagesh.” Only three letters will change their sound when a dagesh is there. For review, here they are:



vet - ב	with a dagesh becomes	bet - בּ
khahf - כ	with a dagesh becomes	kahf - כּ
feh - פ	with a dagesh becomes	peh - פּ

As you read more Hebrew, you will sometimes see other letters with a dagesh inside them. Even though there may be a dagesh, **THEY WILL STILL HAVE THE SAME SOUND**. Here are some examples:

gimel - ג	with a dagesh is still	gimel - ג
mem - מ	with a dagesh is still	mem - מ
dalet - ד	with a dagesh is still	dalet - ד

Remember that only the vet/bet, kahf/khahf, and feh/peh change their sounds because of the dagesh. So when you see letters other than these three, and the letters have a dagesh, they will still have the same sound. You will see some words in Lessons 8 and 9 where the letter has a dagesh, but still has the same sound.

As you grow in your Hebrew, you can learn more about the dagesh. For now, you will be able to read it properly.