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Green Belt

Level 4- Challenge

READER

Sheva Rules



THE SHEVA STORY:

The Sheva is an interesting vowel. Its story might sound a lot like your day.

- At the beginning of my day are you fresh and enthusiastic and make a lot of noise?
- And at the end of the day are you pooped and out like a light, and we won't hear anything from you 'till the morning?
- And in the middle of the day does it vary - sometimes you are loud and lively, and sometimes quiet and restful?

Well, that is exactly what the sheva story sounds like:

- At the beginning of the word, it is loud and lively: it has an 'ih' sound just like the 'ih' vowel.
- But at the end of the word, it is silent.
- And in the middle of the word, it depends. Sometimes it makes a noise, and sometimes it is silent (see the chart on the next page).

So have fun with the sheva. And if you ever get confused ... just remember the sheva story, and think of your day ... and you'll get it straight!

Sh'va Rules Summary Table

(Teachers Tip: Enlarge this chart on board, or copy for students to use as reference)

<u>At the Beginning</u> of a word	<u>In the Middle</u> of a Word	<u>At the End</u> of a Word
<p><u>Rule 1</u> A Sh'va at the beginning of a word is ALWAYS pronounced.</p>	<p><u>Rule 2</u> A Sh'va in the middle of a word is usually NOT pronounced.</p> <p><u>Rule 3</u> When 2 identical letters are next to each other and the first one has a Sh'va, the Sh'va IS pronounced.</p> <p><u>Rule 5</u> When 2 Sh'va's are next to each other in the middle of a word, the 1st one is NEVER pronounced and the 2nd one is ALWAYS pronounced.</p>	<p><u>Rule 4</u> A Sh'va at the end of a word is NEVER pronounced.</p>

NOTE: There can be more than 1 Sh'va in a word - so you might need to apply 2 or even 3 rules to one word!

Sh'va Rules

In the beginning of a word,
the Sh'va is always heard!

Rule 1

A Sh'va at the beginning of a word is ALWAYS pronounced.

1. וְהֵבֵל וְגִירוֹ לְקוֹת קְצוֹת יְסוֹד בְּיַמֵּנוּ שְׁחוֹק

Rule 2

A Sh'va in the middle of a word is USUALLY NOT pronounced.

Just read the letter with the Sh'va as if there were no vowel there at all.

for example; מִנְחָה - min-cha NOT mi-ne-cha

2. אָם-תֵּר אֶסְתֵּר אֵב-רָהֶם אֲבָרָהֶם וְדַבַּרְתָּ

3. חָב-לִי חָבְלִי פֶרְעָה יִתְבָּרֵךְ עֲשָׂרִים

4. מִקְדִּישׁ מְצֹה יִשְׂרָאֵל מְצָרִים וְאֶהְבֵּת

5. יִצְחָק שְׂמֵחַת וּבִשְׁעָרֶיךָ וְאָמַרְתָּ שְׁמַעְנוּ

When TWIN letters are in a word,
The Sh'va under the FIRST is surely heard!

Rule 3

When 2 identical letters are next to each other and the first one has a Sh'va, the Sh'va IS pronounced.

6. הֶלְלוּ רִנְנוּ כוֹנְנֵי עֲשָׂשָׁה רַבָּבוֹת

7. יְבָרְכֵךְ רוֹמְמוֹ גִּזְזֵי נוֹצְצִים יַחְקִקוּ

Sh'va Rules

Rule 4

Quiet! Don't make a peep,
at the end of a word, the Sh'va is asleep!

A Sh'va at the end of a word is NEVER pronounced.

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| .1 | אֶתְ | הֶלֶךְ | וַיַּחַדְ | נִרְדְּ | וַיִּשְׁקְ |
| .2 | שָׁנְמַלְתְּ | סָמוּךְ | אֲנַתְ | סָנְרַתְ | הֶקְשִׁטְ |
| .3 | בָּרוּךְ | לְהֵתְהֵלֶךְ | אֲמַרְתְּ | וַיִּבְדְּ | תִקְנַתְ |

Teachers Tip!
 Copy Sh'va Review
 and have students
 write Rule #'s next to
 each word.

Sh'va Review 1 (Rules 1-4)



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| .4 | טָבוּל | מְצוּה | יִשְׂרָאֵל | מְצָרִים |
| .5 | יִצְחָק | שְׂמַחַת | וּבְשַׁעְרֵיךְ | הֶלְלוּ |
| .6 | בְּקִרְבֶּךָ | דְּבַרְתְּ | עֲשֵׂשָׁה | לְהַדְלִיק |
| .7 | שְׁבוּעוֹת | מִקְדִּישׁ | בָּרוּךְ | וְאֶהְבֶּתְ |
| .8 | בִּרְכֶךָ | יְדֹגוּ | שָׁנְמַלְתְּ | שְׁלֵמָה |
| .9 | כְּתַבְתְּ | רַבְבוֹת | שְׂמַעֲנוּ | בַּחַן |
| .10 | יְבָרְכֶךָ | לְנַגְדִּי | הַבְּדֵלָה | בְּנִימִין |

Sh'va Rules

TWO Sh'va's walking proud,
1st is quiet, 2nd is LOUD!

Rule 5

When 2 Sh'va's are next to each other in the middle of a word, the 1st one is NEVER pronounced and the 2nd one is ALWAYS pronounced.

1. תִּשְׁמְרוּ נִכְרְתוּ אֶרְצְכֶם יִשְׁמְחוּ לַעֲבֹדְךָ
2. מִמְּלַכֶת זִכְרְךָ מְרַדְכִי חֲסִדְךָ בְּלִכְתְּךָ
3. יְרוּיִן מִזְבְּחוֹת צִלְצְלוּ מִשְׁפָּטֵי אֲזִכָּרָה



Sh'va Review 2 (Rules 1-5)

4. יִשְׂרָאֵל הַשְּׁמַעֲנִי וְאַרְחִיז נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ
5. כּוֹנֵנֶת לִפְנֵי וּבְשַׁעֲרֶיךָ הַלְלוּ
6. וְתִשֶׁת בְּמֵאוֹנִים עָשִׂשָׁה יִרְבוּ
7. מִשְׁכָּנוֹת יִלְדְךָ בְרוּךְ וְאַהֲבֶת
8. וַיִּתְּבוּנָנוּ תוֹרְתְךָ שִׁנְמַלֶּת יִנְצְרָהוּ
9. בַּחֲזֵן רַב־בוֹת כָּתַבְתָּ בְּהַרְרֵי

(TIP: Usually, if you find a letter in the middle of a word with a Sh'va AND a dot in the middle, you should pronounce the Sh'va.)