

Script Hebrew Letters Demonstration

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Grade Level: Elementary

Description:

Teach students how to form the Alef – Bais in script by showing them these audio-visuals. The video clips feature a teacher forming the script letters beside their print counterparts in large bold black letters and explaining how to form them as he writes. This can be used as an introduction to kesiva, or it can be used to teach the letters as the students learn them. Download the pdf for a concise lesson plan and the two swf files for the actual video clips.

Goals/Objectives:

Students will watch a demonstration illustrating how to form script Hebrew letters.

Materials Needed:

A computer with sound and the functionality to play Flash movies. (They may play in the Internet browser, but no Internet connection is required.)

Instructions:

1. The teacher should watch the videos and decide when to use them as part of the process of teaching the script letters. (The videos can be used as an overview of how to write letters before the students begin the subject kesiva, it can be used as a means of teaching each letter, or it can be used to review the letters after they have been learned.)
2. The teacher can pause the movie, rewind and fast-forward as required.

Closure Assessment:

Children can be given a task to do during or after the video. For example, the videos can be played one letter at a time, with children instructed to copy the letter a number of times after watching it being written.

Variations

Try without the sound; with the sound off the teacher can provide his or her own commentary.

Additional Tips:

The letters shin and pey are not formed here the way they are traditionally taught. The teacher should use discretion before showing the students these letters being written, particularly if the class is using a book which teaches to form them differently.