

This is the letter **ALEPH**: א (אָלֶף)

It is open and pointing in all directions.

It is essentially silent. It actually has a very quiet sound, called a “glottal stop.” It is like the first sound you make when you pronounce the word, “apple” before you get to the “a” sound. It is your throat closing and opening before the vowel. It is ok if you think of the letter as silent. ALEPH represents the number 1.

Practice reading the letter ALEPH with all the vowels (notice that the MOBILE SH’VA requires auxiliary/helper vowels when under a guttural/silent consonant). You can use the sound file from the website to hear the sounds:

אָ אַ אִ אֵ אֶ אֹ אֻ אִי אֵי אֶי אֹי אֻי <ALEPH