

That Pesky Sheva: A Summary

Silent

at the end of a word	בְּדֵ, אֶתְ
the first of two in a row	יִשְׁמְרוּ
alone in the middle of a word	שְׁמֶרָה
next to the vowels חֶ and חָ	אֶמֶתְ, אֲשֶׁר

Short Sound

at the beginning of a word	שְׁמַע
the second of two in a row	יִשְׁמְרוּ

Sound Change

next to the vowel חֶ	עֲנִי
(from 'ah' to 'oh')	