

All you ever wanted to know about the קטן קמץ *Kamatz Katan* (אָ)

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1. The vowel קמץ (kamatz) (אָ) is קטן (katan, pronounced *oh*) if it occurs in a closed unaccented syllable. Otherwise it is גדול (gadol, pronounced *ah*).
2. The vowel קטן חטף (chataf katan) (אָ) is always קטן (katan, pronounced *oh*).

Most frequently encountered (kamatz katan) is in the word: כָּל or כֶּל .