

Summary of the Binyanim

*Remember that weak verbs may show some variation in their patterns!

Name	Meaning	QATAL/WEQATAL	YIQTOL/WAYIQTOL
QAL	Basic form, active voice	Basic form	Basic form
PIEL	Active voice, sometimes with “intensive” meaning	Dagesh in the 2 nd root letter; basic vowel pattern for QATAL is “I – E”	Dagesh in the 2 nd root letter; basic vowel pattern for YIQTOL is “A – E”
PUAL	Passive voice, corresponds to an active PIEL verb	Vowel of the 1 st root letter is “u” and dagesh in the 2 nd root letter	Vowel of the 1 st root letter is “u” and dagesh in the 2 nd root letter
NIFAL	Passive voice of a QAL verb, or reflexive or reciprocal meaning	a נ prefix before the root	1 st root consonant has dagesh
HITPAEL	Reflexive; reciprocal; intensive; motion back and forth	Has a תת prefix; 2 nd root letter has dagesh	The ת drops from the prefix but the ת remains; 2 nd root letter has dagesh
HIFIL	Active voice and causative action	Has the prefix ה	Has a PATAḤ under the YIQTOL prefix letter
HOFAL	Passive voice of a causative HIFIL verb	Prefix ה or ה before the root	The letter of the YIQTOL prefix takes a qamats-qatan [o] or [u] vowel.