

2. Consonantal Sufformative

- a. Write the base form of the imperative (e.g. קֹטֵל).
- b. Put a silent shewa under the last letter of the base form (e.g. קֹטֵלְ).
- c. Add the consonantal sufformative to the end of the base form (e.g. קֹטֵלְךָ).
- c. Retain the vowel after the second letter of the verbal root in every stem except the Hiphil where the long hireq changes to a şere and the Niphal where the şere changes to a pathah (e.g. קֹטֵלְךָ, קֹטֵלְךָּ, and קֹטֵלְךָּ).

NOTE: The accent is on the penult (e.g. קֹטֵלְךָּ).

3. Vocalic Sufformatives

- a. Write the base form of the imperative (e.g. קֹטֵל).
- b. Add the vocalic sufformative to the end of the base form (e.g. קֹטֵלְךָ).
- c. Drop the vowel after the second letter of the verbal root to a half vowel (vocal shewa with non-laryngeals or ḥateph pathah with laryngeals) except in the Hiphil stem where the long hireq is retained (e.g. קֹטֵלְךָ and קֹטֵלְךָּ).

NOTE: The accent is on the ultima (e.g. קֹטֵלְךָּ).

NOTE: The imperative has a stem preformative in the Hiphil, Niphal, and Hithpael stems, but it never has a personal preformative. This is what distinguishes the imperative from the imperfect tense.

G. Parsing of the Imperative

The imperative is parsed like the perfect and imperfect tense of the verb except the word "imperative" is inserted in the category designated "Tense" (e.g. קֹטֵלְךָ - second, masculine, singular, Qal, imperative from קָטַל meaning "to kill").

III. Combination of the Definite Article and Inseparable Preposition

When an inseparable preposition (לְ, עַל, or בְּ) is attached to a word with a definite article on it, the he (הּ) of the definite article is removed, the inseparable preposition is put in its place, and the vocal shewa of the inseparable preposition drops out (e.g.

לְהַמֶּלֶךְ - לְהַמֶּלֶךְ - "for the king" or לְהַאָבִי - לְהַאָבִי - "for the father").