

a helping vowel which is a long seghol (e.g. בְּנִי).

- (iii) Drop the vowel under the personal preformative to a vocal shewa (e.g. בְּנִי).

(b) Vocalic Suffformatives

- i. Write the base form (e.g. בָּנָה).

- ii. Add the vocalic suffformative to the end of the base form (e.g. בְּנִי).

(2) Personal Preformatives

The personal preformatives are added to the front of the base form by means of a qames (e.g. בְּנִי, בְּנֵי, בְּנָה or בְּנִיָּה, and בְּנֵיָה).

NOTE: The imperfect tense of the Qal stem is exactly like the imperfect tense of the Hiphil stem (e.g. Qal stem - בְּנִי, בְּנֵי or בְּנִיָּה, and cf. Hiphil stem - בְּנִי, בְּנֵי or בְּנִיָּה).

c. Imperative

(1) No Suffformative

The form is בָּנָה.

(2) Consonantal Suffformative

- (a) Write the base form (e.g. בָּנָה).

- (b) Put a silent shewa under the last letter of the base form (e.g. בָּנָה).

- (c) Add the consonantal suffformative to the end of the base form (e.g. בְּנִי - בְּנִיָּה).

- (d) Change the vowel after the first letter of the verbal root to a sere (e.g. בְּנִי).

(3) Vocalic Suffformatives

- (a) Write the base form (e.g. בָּנָה).

- (b) Add the vocalic suffformative to the end of the base form (e.g. בְּנִי).

d. Infinitive Absolute