The Hebrew Verb System - Stem Functions

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**Qal**

Normal Active (also known as Paal)

a) active pattern (transitive)
   he killed
   כָּלַה

b) stative pattern (intransitive)
   he was small
   כָּלָה
   כָּבָר

**Niphal**

Passive of Qal

a) passive
   be written
   נָבֶט
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b) reflexive
   redeem oneself
   נָנְפַּל

**Piel**

Intensive

a) intensive of quality
   shatter
   שְׁבֵר

b) causative
   teach
   לָמֵד

c) factitive, stative
   make holy
   קְדֵשׁ

 **Pual**

Passive of Piel

**Hitpael**

Reflexive of Piel

a) reflexive
   sanctify oneself
   נָתַחַס

b) reciprocal
   see each other
   הָנַהֲרַא

c) affective, character
   pretend to be rich
   הבָּשַׁר

d) denominative (from nouns)
   become Jewish
   יִרְדָּה

**Hiphil**

Causative

a) causative
   remind
   זָכַר

b) denominative (from nouns)
   grow horns
   זָכַר

**Hophal**

Passive of Hiphil