

Building and Dissecting Words

1. Read the texts aloud for pronunciation. Reading aloud will greatly help the learning process. We will look at various words in the text over the next few lessons. You do not have to memorize them all, but you will want to become acquainted with some of the more common words, especially those you are asked to write.
2. In the above texts, circle the part of words that you think means *of you* or *yours*, or *you* as an object. What gender and number (singular/plural) is this form? Write this form in Hebrew:
3. Put a triangle around, and begin to compare the contexts for, these forms of the prefix *and*: ך ם ן ן ן ן ן
Sometimes translated as *then, so, now, or but*, the initial ן often serves the function of the capital letter in English, indicating the start of a new verse, sentence, or thought. What letter/s follow the prefix ן (and) ?
4. Underline the consonant/vowel combination/s you find for *the* in these texts, and write them here:
5. What meanings do you find for the attached word אֶל־ and its prefix form לְ ? Put a box around these forms.
6. Highlight or put a box around the 3 letters of the root בִּרְךְ (bless) everywhere you find them together in the text above. Remember that there is more than one form for בָּב and כִּכְךְ . In how many words did you find this root?
7. After reading the Gender Chart below, write the Hebrew LETTERS and VOWELS that indicate masculine (and common) plural, feminine singular, and feminine plural. Most—but not all—words form the feminine and the plurals this way. Are these prefixes or suffixes?

Gender for Nouns and Modifiers

Feminine plural	נְקֻבָּה singular יְחִידָה	Examples	Common and Masculine plural	זָכָר singular יְחִיד
טוֹבוֹת	טוֹבָה	good	טוֹבִים	טוֹב
רְבוֹת	רְבָה	many, much	רְבִים	רַב
גְּדוּלוֹת	גְּדוּלָה	great, large	גְּדוּלִים	גְּדוֹל
מִשְׁפָּחוֹת	מִשְׁפָּחָה	family, clan, people	גוֹיִם	גוֹי
תּוֹלְדוֹת	תּוֹלְדָה	generation, descent line	בָּנִים	בֵּן
בְּרָכוֹת	בְּרָכָה	blessing	יָמִים	יוֹם
מִצְוֹת	מִצְוָה	commandment	כְּרָבִים	כְּרוֹב
נְבִיאֹת	נְבִיאָה	prophetess	נְבִיאִים	נְבִיא
מַלְכוֹת	מַלְכָּה	queen	מַלְכִים	מֶלֶךְ

In these short writing practices, copy the letters and vowels carefully.

Think of the meaning and form of the words while writing.

קְרָא בְּקוֹל וּכְתֹב:

and-write aloud read

אֶל עַד תּוֹ, תּוֹכָה רְבִים גְּדוֹל גְּדוּלָה גְּדוּלִים גְּדוּלוֹת

מִשְׁפָּחָה תּוֹלְדוֹת נְבִיא מֶלֶךְ מַלְכָּה מַלְכִים יְחִיד