

Chapter 26 — "Spot the Hiphil" Passage Exercise

Genesis 6–8 · Genesis 22 · Deuteronomy 7

Most highlighted verbs are Hiphil forms. For each one, first answer Is it Hiphil? (Yes / No). If Yes: fill in Conjugation, PGN, Root, and Function. If No: identify the correct stem and parse fully. Three verbs in this exercise are not Hiphil — drawn from Qal and Niphal already studied. The answer key begins on the page marked "Answer Key".

Passage A — Genesis 6:12–20

6:12

וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָרֶץ וְהִנֵּה נִשְׁחָתָה כִּי-הִשָּׁחִית כָּל-בָּשָׂר אֶת-דְּרָכָו עַל-הָאָרֶץ

"And God saw the earth, and behold, it [1] ____; for all flesh had [2] ____ its way upon the earth."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
1	נִשְׁחָתָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	הִשָּׁחִית	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

6:13

הִנְנִי מִשְׁחִיתָם עִם-הָאָרֶץ

"Behold, I am [3] ____ them with the earth."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
3	מִשְׁחִיתָם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

6:17

וְאֲנִי הִנְנִי מֵבִיא אֶת-הַמָּבּוּל מִיָּם עַל-הָאָרֶץ

"As for me, behold, I am [4] ____ the flood of waters upon the earth."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
4	מֵבִיא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

6:18

וְהִקְמַתִּי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אִתְּךָ

"But I will [5] ____ my covenant with you."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
5	וְהִקְמַתִּי	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

6:19

מִכָּל-בָּשָׂר שָׁנִים מִכָּל תְּבִיאָה אֶל-הַתֶּבֶה

"Of every living thing you shall [6] ____ two of every kind into the ark."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
6	תְּבִיאָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

6:19–20

לְהַחְיֵם אִתְּךָ ... לְהַחְיֵם

"to [7] ____ them alive with you ... to [8] ____ them"

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
7	לְהַחֲיִית	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8	לְהַחֲיוֹת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Passage B — Genesis 7:4

7:4

כִּי לַיָּמִים עוֹד שִׁבְעָה אָנֹכִי מִמָּטִיר עַל־הָאָרֶץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם

"For in seven days I will [9] ____ rain on the earth forty days."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
9	מִמָּטִיר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Passage C — Genesis 8:1–21

8:1

וַיַּעֲבֵר אֱלֹהִים רוּחַ עַל־הָאָרֶץ

"And God [10] ____ a wind over the earth."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
10	וַיַּעֲבֵר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

8:9

וַיָּבֵא אֹתָהּ אֵלָיו אֶל־הַתֵּבָה

"And he [11] ____ her back to him into the ark."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
11	וַיָּבֵא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

8:13

וַיֹּסֶר נֹחַ אֶת־מִכְסֵּה הַתֵּבָה

"And Noah [12] ____ the covering of the ark."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
12	וַיֹּסֶר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

8:17

וַיֵּצֵא אֹתָךְ כָּל־הַחַיָּה

"[13] ____ with you every living thing."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
13	וַיֵּצֵא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

8:20

וַיַּעַל עֹלֹת בַּמִּזְבֵּחַ

"And he [14] _____ burnt offerings on the altar."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
14	וַיַּעַל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

8:21

לֹא־אֶסָּף לְהַכֹּת אֶת־כָּל־חַי

"I will never again [15] _____ every living thing."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
15	לְהַכֹּת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Passage D — Genesis 22:17 (Infinitive Absolute)

22:17

כִּי בֵרַךְ אֲבָרְכְּךָ וְהִרְבָּה אֲרֹבָה אֶת־זַרְעֲךָ כְּכּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם

"For I will surely bless you, and I will [16] _____ [17] _____ your offspring as the stars of heaven."

Watch out: ■■■■■■■■ and ■■■■■■■■■■ are Piel forms of ■■■■■■■■ ("to bless") — not Hiphil. Parse only verbs 16–17.

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
16	וְהִרְבָּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
17	אֲרֹבָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Passage E — Deuteronomy 7:2 (Weqatal + Emphatic Pair)

7:2

וְנָתַתָּם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְפָנֶיךָ וְהִכִּיתָם הַכָּה תִּכָּה לֹא־תִכָּרֵת לָהֶם בְּרִית

"When the LORD your God [18] _____ them over, you shall [19] _____ them — [20] _____ [21] _____ them — [22] _____ no covenant with them."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
18	וְנָתַתָּם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
19	וְהִכִּיתָם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
20	הַכָּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
21	תִּכָּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
22	תִּכָּרֵת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Bonus — Genesis 6:1, 6:10

6:1

כִּי־הֵחֵל הָאָדָם לָרֹב

"When man began to multiply..."

6:10

וַיֹּלֶד נֹחַ שְׁלֹשָׁה בָּנִים

"And Noah fathered three sons."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
B1	הֵחֵל				
B2	וַיֹּלֶד				

Note: #2 () and B1 () are Perfect (qatal), not Weqatal — both follow with no waw prefix. #16–17 and #20–21 illustrate the emphatic inf. absolute + imperfect construction: the inf. absolute intensifies the finite verb ("shall certainly strike"). #1 () is Niphal of the same root as #2 — compare: Niphal vs. Hiphil .

Score: 19 Hiphil + 3 non-Hiphil + 2 bonus = 24 total. 21–24 = excellent | 16–20 = review the paradigm | below 16 = revisit §26.3–

Conjugation Coverage

Conjugation	Verbs
Wayyiqtol (5)	#10, #11, #12, #14, B2
Inf. Construct (3)	#7, #8, #15
Participle (3)	#3, #4, #9
Imperfect (3)	#6, #17, #21
Perfect / qatal (2)	#2, B1
Weqatal (2)	#5, #19
Inf. Absolute (2)	#16, #20
Imperative (1)	#13
Non-Hiphil (3)	#1 (Niphal Weqatal 3fs), #18 (Qal Weqatal 3ms), #22 (Qal Imperfect 2ms)

Reflection Questions

- Wayyiqtol dominates in Gen 6–8 but is absent from Passages D and E. What does this tell you about how genre — narrative vs. divine oracle (Gen 22) vs. legal instruction (Deut 7) — shapes conjugation choice in the Hiphil?
- Both Passage D (Gen 22:17) and Passage E (Deut 7:2) use the emphatic inf. absolute + imperfect pattern. What does the inf. absolute add beyond a plain imperfect? Are the two contexts — promise and command — using the emphasis for the same rhetorical purpose?
- In Gen 6–8, God is the subject of nearly every Hiphil; Noah appears as subject only at #11 and #13. What does this distribution of agency tell you about the theological architecture of the flood narrative?

Answer Key

Passages with correct answers shown in the green row below each verb.

Passage A — Genesis 6:12–20

6:12

וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָרֶץ וְהִנֵּה נִשְׁחָתָה כִּי-הִשְׁחִית כָּל-בָּשָׂר אֶת-דְּרָכָו עַל-הָאָרֶץ

"And God saw the earth, and behold, it [1] ____; for all flesh had [2] ____ its way upon the earth."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
1	נִשְׁחָתָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	נִשְׁחָתָה	Weqatal	3fs	שָׁחַת	NOT Hiphil — Niphal passive: it was
2	הִשְׁחִית	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	הִשְׁחִית	Perfect (qatal)	3ms	שָׁחַת	Causative — had corrupted

6:13

וְהִנֵּי מַשְׁחִיתֶם עִם-הָאָרֶץ

"Behold, I am [3] ____ them with the earth."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
3	מַשְׁחִיתֶם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	מַשְׁחִיתֶם	Participle + 3mp suffix	ms	שָׁחַת	Causative — destroying them

6:17

וְאֲנִי הִנֵּי מֵבִיא אֶת-הַמָּבּוּל מִיָּם עַל-הָאָרֶץ

"As for me, behold, I am [4] ____ the flood of waters upon the earth."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
4	מֵבִיא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	מֵבִיא	Participle	ms	בָּא	Causative — bringing

6:18

וְהִקְמַתִּי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אִתְּךָ

"But I will [5] ____ my covenant with you."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
5	וְהִקְמַתִּי	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	וְהִקְמַתִּי	Weqatal	1cs	קָם	Factitive — I will establish

6:19

מִכָּל-בָּשָׂר שָׁנִים מִכָּל תְּבִיא אֶל-הַתֵּבָה

"Of every living thing you shall [6] ____ two of every kind into the ark."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
6	תְּבִיא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	תְּבִיא	Imperfect	2ms	בָּא	Causative — you shall bring

6:19–20

לְהַחְיֵת אִתְּךָ ... לְהַחְיֵת

"to [7] ____ them alive with you ... to [8] ____ them"

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
7	לְהַחְיֵת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	לְהַחְיֵת	Inf. Construct	—	חַיָּה	Causative — to keep alive
8	לְהַחְיֵת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	לְהַחְיֵת	Inf. Construct	—	חַיָּה	Causative — to keep alive

Passage B — Genesis 7:4

7:4

כִּי לִיָּמִים עוֹד שֶׁבַע אֶנֶכִּי מִמָּטִיר עַל־הָאָרֶץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם

"For in seven days I will [9] ____ rain on the earth forty days."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
9	מִמָּטִיר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	מִמָּטִיר	Participle	ms	מָטַר	Causative/Denominative — causing rain

Passage C — Genesis 8:1–21

8:1

וַיַּעֲבֵר אֱלֹהִים רוּחַ עַל־הָאָרֶץ

"And God [10] ____ a wind over the earth."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
10	וַיַּעֲבֵר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	וַיַּעֲבֵר	Wayyiqtol	3ms	עָבַר	Causative — caused to pass over

8:9

וַיָּבֵא אֹתָהּ אֵלָיו אֶל־הַתֵּבָה

"And he [11] ____ her back to him into the ark."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
11	וַיָּבֵא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	וַיָּבֵא	Wayyiqtol	3ms	בָּא	Causative — brought

8:13

וַיִּסֹר נֹחַ אֶת־מִכְסֵּה הַתֵּבָה

"And Noah [12] ____ the covering of the ark."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
12	וַיִּסֹּר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	וַיִּסֹּר	Wayyiqtol	3ms	סור	Causative — removed

8:17

וַיִּצֵא אֶתֶּךָ כָּל־הַחַיָּה

"[13] ____ with you every living thing."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
13	הִצֵּא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	הִצֵּא	Imperative	2ms	יצא	Causative — bring out!

8:20

וַיַּעַל עֹלֹת בַּמִּזְבֵּחַ

"And he [14] ____ burnt offerings on the altar."

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14	וַיַּעַל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	וַיַּעַל	Wayyiqtol	3ms	עלה	Causative — offered up

8:21

לֹא־אֶסֹּף לְהַכֹּת אֶת־כָּל־חַי

"I will never again [15] ____ every living thing."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
15	לְהַכֹּת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	לְהַכֹּת	Inf. Construct	—	נכה	Causative — to strike down

Passage D — Genesis 22:17 (Infinitive Absolute)

22:17

כִּי בָרַךְ אֲבָרְכְּךָ וְהִרְבָּה אֲרַבָּה אֶת־זַרְעֲךָ כְּכּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם

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✓	וְהִרְבָּה	Inf. Absolute	—	רבה	Causative — emphatic modifier
17	אֲרַבָּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	אֲרַבָּה	Imperfect	1cs	רבה	Causative — I will multiply

Passage E — Deuteronomy 7:2 (Weqatal + Emphatic Pair)

7:2

וַיִּתֶּנָּם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְפָנֶיךָ וְהִכִּיתָם הִנֵּה תִּכֶּה לֹא־תִכְרֹת לָהֶם בְּרִית

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19	וְהִכִּיתָם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	וְהִכִּיתָם	Weqatal	2ms	נָכָה	Causative — and you shall strike them
20	הִנֵּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	הִנֵּה	Inf. Absolute	—	נָכָה	Causative — emphatic modifier
21	תִּכֶּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	תִּכֶּה	Imperfect	2ms	נָכָה	Causative — you shall strike
22	תִּכְרֹת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	תִּכְרֹת	Imperfect	2ms	כָּרַת	NOT Hiphil — Qal: you shall cut

Bonus — Genesis 6:1, 6:10

6:1

כִּי־הֵחֵל הָאָדָם לָרֹב

"When man began to multiply..."

6:10

וַיּוֹלֵד נֹחַ שְׁלֹשָׁה בָּנִים

"And Noah fathered three sons."

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B1	הֵחֵל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	הֵחֵל	Perfect (qatal)	3ms	חָלַל	Causative — began (Hiphil of <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>)
B2	וַיּוֹלֵד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	וַיּוֹלֵד	Wayyiqtol	3ms	יָלַד	Causative — fathered / begat

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Inf. Construct (3)	#7, #8, #15
Participle (3)	#3, #4, #9
Imperfect (3)	#6, #17, #21
Perfect / qatal (2)	#2, B1
Weqatal (2)	#5, #19
Inf. Absolute (2)	#16, #20
Imperative (1)	#13
Non-Hiphil (3)	#1 (Niphal Weqatal 3fs), #18 (Qal Weqatal 3ms), #22 (Qal Imperfect 2ms)