

## Chapter 32 — Qal–Piel–Pual Contrast Drill (Strong Roots)

BBH Chapter 32 · Pual Strong Verbs

Each triplet shows the same root in Qal, Piel, and Pual (Perfect 3ms). For each form: (1) identify the stem, (2) parse fully, (3) translate. Focus on the R1 vowel: variable (Qal), hiriq/tsere (Piel), qibbuts/holes (Pual). Answer key is on the last page.

Stem contrast (Perfect 3ms): Qal = qamets or tsere under R1, no dagesh in R2. Piel = hiriq or tsere under R1 + dagesh forte in R2. Pual = qibbuts under R1 + dagesh forte in R2 (holes when R2 is guttural and rejects dagesh).

### Triplet 1 — Root: brk (bless)

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
1	בָּרַךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	בִּרְךָ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	בִּרְכָּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### Triplet 2 — Root: shlkh (send)

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
4	שָׁלַח	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5	שִׁלַּחְךָ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6	שִׁלְחָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### Triplet 3 — Root: dbr (speak)

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
7	דָּבַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8	דִּבַּרְךָ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
9	דִּבְרָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### Triplet 4 — Root: kbd (honor)

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
10	כָּבַד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
11	כִּבְדְּךָ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
12	כִּבְדָּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Triplet 5 — Root: spr (count / tell)**

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
13	סָפַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
14	סָפַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
15	סָפַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Reflection Questions**

- Across all five triplets, the R1 vowel follows a pattern: qamets or tsere (Qal), hiriq or tsere (Piel), qibbutz (Pual). Write this as a three-step diagnostic rule.
- Root brk (triplets 1, 3): the resh (r) rejects dagesh forte in R2. How does this affect the Piel vowel (tsere under b instead of hiriq)? And the Pual vowel (holem instead of qibbutz)?
- Root kbd (triplet 4): the Qal is stative (he was heavy). What does the Piel add to make it factitive? What grammatical role does the human recipient play in Piel vs. Pual?

**Answer Key****Triplet 1 — Root: brk (bless)**

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
1	בָּרַךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	בָּרַךְ	Qal	Perfect	3ms	he knelt
2	בָּרַךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	בָּרַךְ	Piel	Perfect	3ms	he blessed
3	בִּרְךָ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	בִּרְךָ	Pual	Perfect	3ms	he was blessed

**Triplet 2 — Root: shlkh (send)**

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
4	שָׁלַח	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שָׁלַח	Qal	Perfect	3ms	he sent
5	שָׁלַח	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שָׁלַח	Piel	Perfect	3ms	he sent away / released
6	שָׁלַח	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שָׁלַח	Pual	Perfect	3ms	he was sent away

**Triplet 3 — Root: dbr (speak)**

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
7	דָּבַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	דָּבַר	Qal	Perfect	3ms	he spoke (rare)
8	דָּבַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	דָּבַר	Piel	Perfect	3ms	he spoke
9	דָּבַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	דָּבַר	Pual	Perfect	3ms	it was spoken

### Triplet 4 — Root: kbd (honor)

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
10	קָבַד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	קָבַד	Qal	Perfect	3ms	he was heavy / honored (stative)
11	קָבַד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	קָבַד	Piel	Perfect	3ms	he honored
12	קָבַד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	קָבַד	Pual	Perfect	3ms	he was honored

### Triplet 5 — Root: spr (count / tell)

#	Form	Stem	Conjugation	PGN	Translation
13	סָפַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	סָפַר	Qal	Perfect	3ms	he counted
14	סָפַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	סָפַר	Piel	Perfect	3ms	he recounted / told
15	סָפַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	סָפַר	Pual	Perfect	3ms	it was told / recounted