

Chapter 25 — Qal–Niphal Contrast Drill (Weak Roots)

BBH Chapter 25 · Niphal Weak Verbs

Each item gives a weak root with its Qal meaning, a Niphal form, conjugation, and reference. For each: (1) translate the Niphal form; (2) name the semantic function: Passive / Reflexive / Simple Action / Stative. (3) explain in one sentence how the Niphal meaning follows from the Qal. Answer key at the bottom.

Part A — I-■ Roots

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Niphal Form	Conj	Ref
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		יָפַל	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נָגַשׁ	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		הִגִּיד	<input type="text"/>
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נָגַע	<input type="text"/>
5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		יָנַח	<input type="text"/>

Part B — III-■ Roots

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Niphal Form	Conj	Ref
6	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נִגְלָה	<input type="text"/>
7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נִעְלָה	<input type="text"/>
8	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נִרְאָה	<input type="text"/>
9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		יִבְנֶה	<input type="text"/>
10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נִעְשָׂה	<input type="text"/>

Part C — Hollow Roots

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Niphal Form	Conj	Ref
11	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נִקְוֶה	<input type="text"/>
12	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נִכְוֶה	<input type="text"/>
13	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		יִשָּׂם	<input type="text"/>
14	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נִבְוֶה	<input type="text"/>
15	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		נִשָּׂו	<input type="text"/>

Answer Key — Part A

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Niphal Form	Conj	Ref
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	יָפַל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	Root	Qal Meaning		Conj	he fell — Simple Action I-■ Niphal imperfect:
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	גָּשׁ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					he approached — Simple Action Niphal of
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	הִגֵּד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					to be told — Passive ■■■■■■ is Niphal inf.
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	נָגַע	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					he was touched — Passive subject receives
5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	יִנָּקֶה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					he shall be struck — Passive Exo 21:20 legal

Answer Key — Part B

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Niphal Form	Conj	Ref
6	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	נִגְלָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					it was revealed — Passive or Reflexive Gen
7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	בָּעַלָּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					he went up — Simple Action Niphal of ■■■■
8	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	נִרְאָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					he appeared — Passive/Reflexive Gen 12:7:
9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	יִבְנֶה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					it will be built — Passive dagesh forte in ■■
10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	בְּעָשָׂה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					what has been done — Passive Gen 20:9;

Answer Key — Part C

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Niphal Form	Conj	Ref
11	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	נָקוּם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					it was established — Passive Niphal of ■■■ ;
12	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	נָכוֹן	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					it is firm — Stative Niphal Psa 103:19: "his
13	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	יָשַׁם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					it will be placed — Passive Niphal imperfect
14	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	נָבֹא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					we went / came — Simple Action Num 32:9;
15	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	נָשׁוּב	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓					it was brought back — Passive or SA Niphal