

Chapter 3 — Diphthong Recognition Exercise

Hebrew Diphthongs — Pathach/Qamets/Holem/Shureq + Yod

For each Hebrew word, identify the diphthong combination it contains — Pathach + Yod, Qamets + Yod (before Waw), Holem + Yod, Shureq + Yod — or "none" if it has no diphthong.

#	Word	Gloss	Diphthong
1	בַּיִת		
✓	בַּיִת	house	Pathach + Yod
2	שָׁמַיִם		
✓	שָׁמַיִם	heavens	Pathach + Yod
3	חַי		
✓	חַי	living, alive	Pathach + Yod
4	גּוֹי		
✓	גּוֹי	nation	Holem + Yod
5	כֶּסֶף		
✓	כֶּסֶף	a covering	Shureq + Yod
6	עָלָיו		
✓	עָלָיו	upon him	Qamets + Yod (before Waw — Yod quiesces)
7	בָּנָיו		
✓	בָּנָיו	his sons	Qamets + Yod (before Waw — Yod quiesces)
8	דָּבָר		
✓	דָּבָר	word	none
9	מֶלֶךְ		
✓	מֶלֶךְ	king	none
10	תּוֹרָה		
✓	תּוֹרָה	law, instruction	none (Holem + Waw, no Yod)
11	בָּנִים		
✓	בָּנִים	sons	none (Hireq Yod = long i, not a diphthong)
12	שָׁלוֹם		
✓	שָׁלוֹם	peace	none