

Preformatives on Hebrew Verbs

	Theme						
State	Qal	Niphal	Piel	Pual	Hiphil	Hophal	Hithpael*
Perfect		נ			ה		הת
Imperfect	י ת א נ						ית את נת תת
Jussive	י ת						תת ית
Cohortative	א נ						נת את
Imperative		ה			ה		הת
Infinitive Construct		ה			ה		הת
Infinitive Absolute		נ	ה		ה		הת
Participle		נ	מ				מת

Niphal infinitive absolute has a נ preformative in the strong verb and in all laryngeals, final aleph, and final hey. In all the rest of the weak verbs, it gets a ה preformative.

*Hithpael changes to related themes with hollow and geminate verbs; these related themes have the same two-letter preformatives as the Hithpael but the first radical of the verb comes between the two-letter preformatives.