

Chapter 32 — "Spot the Pual" Passage Exercise

Num 22–23 · Exo 29 · Isa 43

Each numbered verb belongs to one of the stems you have already studied (Qal, Niphal, Hiphil, Hophal, or Piel/Pual). For each one, fill in: Pual? (Yes/No), Conjugation, PGN, Root, and Stem/Function. The answer key begins on the page marked "Answer Key".

Passage A — Numbers 22:6, 12; 23:8, 20 (Balaam cycle)

22:6

כִּי יֵדַעְתִּי אֶת אֲשֶׁר תְּבָרֵךְ מִבָּרֵךְ וְאֲשֶׁר תָּאֵר יֹאָר

"...for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
1	תְּבָרֵךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	מִבָּרֵךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	יֹאָר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

22:12

לֹא תֵלֶךְ עִמָּהֶם לֹא תָאֵר אֶת הָעָם כִּי בָרוּךְ הוּא

"You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
4	תָּאֵר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5	בָּרוּךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

23:8

מִה אֶקְבֵּה לֹא קִבֵּה אֶל יִמָּה אֲזַעֵם לֹא זָעַם יְהוָה

"How shall I curse what God has not cursed, and how shall I denounce what the LORD has not denounced?"

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
6	קִבֵּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
7	זָעַם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

23:20

הִנֵּה בָרַךְ לְקַחְתִּי וַיְבָרֵךְ וְלֹא אֲשִׁיבָנָה

"Behold, I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
8	בָּרַךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Passage B — Exodus 29:36–37 (Consecration of the Altar)

29:36

וּמִשַּׁחְתָּ אֹתוֹ לְקַדְּשׁוֹ

"...and you shall anoint it to consecrate it."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
9	וּמְשַׁחֵת				

29:37

שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תִּכְפֹּר עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וּקְדַשְׁתָּ אֹתוֹ וְהָיָה הַמִּזְבֵּחַ קָדֵשׁ קְדָשִׁים כָּל הַנִּגַּע בַּמִּזְבֵּחַ יִקְדָּשׁ

"Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and consecrate it, and the altar shall be most holy; whatever touches the altar shall be consecrated."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
10	וְקִדַּשְׁתָּ				
11	וְהָיָה				
12	יִקְדָּשׁ				

Passage C — Exodus 14:4; Isaiah 43:23; Exodus 40:17 (Pual of ■■■ + Hophal distractor)

Exo 14:4

וּכְבַדְתִּי בַּפֶּרֶעַה וּבְכָל חֵילוֹ

"And I will get glory through Pharaoh and all his host."

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13	וּכְבַּדְתִּי				

Isa 43:23

לֹא כִבַּדְתָּנִי בְּקִרְבֵּיךָ

"You have not honored me with your offerings."

#	Verb	Conjugation	PGN	Root	Function
14	כָּבַדְתִּי				

Exo 40:17

הַיּוֹקִים הַמִּשְׁכָּן בַּיּוֹם הַחֲדָשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן

"The tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month."

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15	הִזְקֵם				

Reflection Questions

1. In Passage A, verbs 1 (Piel) and 2 (Pual) come from the same root **■ ■ ■ ■**. The root has R2=■, which rejects Dagesh Forte. How does the Pual compensate for the missing dagesh, and why does this make the Pual and Piel of **■ ■ ■ ■** harder to distinguish than strong-root counterparts?
2. Verb 3 (**■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■**, Hophal) and verb 14 (**■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■**, Pual) both express passive meaning. What is the key visual feature that distinguishes a Hophal from a Pual? What does each stem tell you about the corresponding active stem?
3. Verbs 10 (Piel Weqatal) and 12 (Niphal Impf.) from Exo 29:37 use the same root **■ ■ ■ ■**. The priest actively consecrates (Piel); then whatever touches becomes holy (Niphal). How does this passage illustrate the Piel-as-cause / Niphal-as-resulting-state distinction?

Answer Key

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

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✓	תְּבָרֵךְ	Imperfect	2ms	בָּרַךְ	NOT Pual — Piel Intensive: "you bless";
2	מִבָּרֵךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	מִבָּרֵךְ	Participle	ms	בָּרַךְ	Passive — Pual Ptc. ms; Qamets under
3	יִאָּר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	יִאָּר	Imperfect	3ms	אָרַר	NOT Pual — Hophal: "shall be cursed";

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✓	תָּאֵר	Imperfect	2ms	אָרַר	NOT Pual — Qal: "you shall curse"; no
5	בָּרוּךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	בָּרוּךְ	Participle	ms	בָּרַךְ	Passive — Pual Ptc. ms (substantival:

23:8

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7	זַעַם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	זַעַם	Perfect	3ms	זָעַם	NOT Pual — Qal Perf. 3ms;

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✓	בָּרַךְ	Inf. Absolute	—	בָּרַךְ	NOT Pual — Piel Inf. Abs.: "to bless";

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✓	וּמִשְׁחָתָהּ	Weqatal	2ms	מִשַׁח	NOT Pual — Qal Weqatal: "and you

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11	וְהָיָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	וְהָיָה	Weqatal	3ms	הָיָה	NOT Pual — Qal Weqatal: "and it shall
12	יִקְדָּשׁ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> see ↓
✓	יִקְדָּשׁ	Niphal Impf.	3ms	קִדַּשׁ	NOT Pual — Niphal passive/reflexive:

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✓	כָּבַדְתִּנִּי	Perfect	2ms	כָּבַד	Passive — Pual: "you have not honored"

Exo 40:17

הוֹקֵם הַמִּשְׁכָּן בְּיוֹם הַחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן

"The tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month."

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✓	הוֹקֵם	Perfect	3ms	קָוַם	NOT Pual — Hophal: "was set"