

Chapter 30 — Qal–Piel Contrast Drill

BBH Chapter 30 · Piel Strong Verbs

Part A: Intensive Piel forms — translate and name the function. Part B: Factitive Piel forms from stative roots. Part C: Declarative / Denominative / SA. Answer key is on the last page.

Test for Intensive: does the subject do the action more forcefully/thoroughly? Test for Factitive: does the subject cause an object to enter a state? Test for Declarative: does the subject pronounce/treat something as X?

Part A — Intensive Roots

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Piel Form	Ref	Translation	Function
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> שָׁבַר (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> יָכַסוּ (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> יָשַׁלַח (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> יָגַרְשׁ (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> שָׁחַת (..)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> וּכְבָּסוּ (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> יָבַקֵּשׁ (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Part B — Factitive Roots (Stative Qal)

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Piel Form	Ref	Translation	Function
8	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> יָקַדֵּשׁ (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> אֶגְדָּלָהּ (1)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> תְּחִיּוֹת (..)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
11	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> יִחַלֵּל (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
12	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> יָכַל (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Part C — Declarative / Denominative / SA

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Piel Form	Ref	Translation	Function
13	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> מְקַלֵּל (.)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
14	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> לִכְפֹּר (..)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
15	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> יִשְׁרֵת (3)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Reflection Questions

- For Part A items 1–5, describe the pattern in one sentence: what does "Intensive" add to the Qal meaning?
- Part B: for items 8–12, write the stative Qal meaning and the Piel "factive" meaning. What grammatical *object* does the Piel require that the Qal stative does not?
- Items 13–15: for each, explain in one sentence why "Intensive" does not fit.

Answer Key — Part A

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Piel Form	Ref	Translation	Function
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="(3) שִׁבַּר"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■■■■■■■	to break	(3) שִׁבַּר	Exo 32:19	smashed to pieces	I — thorough breaking
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="(. 3) יָכַסוּ"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■■■■■■■	to cover	(. 3) יָכַסוּ	Gen 9:23	they thoroughly covered	I — complete coverage
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="(. 3) יִשְׁלַח"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■■■■■■■	to send	(. 3) יִשְׁלַח	Gen 8:7	he sent out (released)	I — release/send away
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="(. 3) יִגְרֹשׁ"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■■■■■■■	to drive out	(. 3) יִגְרֹשׁ	Gen 3:24	he drove out forcibly	I — forcible expulsion
5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="(. .) שָׁחַת"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■■■■■■■	to corrupt	(. .) שָׁחַת	Gen 6:17	to destroy utterly	I — total destruction
6	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="(. 3) וְכִבְּסוּ"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■■■■■■■	(Qal rare)	(. 3) וְכִבְּסוּ	Exo 19:10	they shall wash	I — thorough washing; SA also
7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="(. 3) יִבְקֹשׁ"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■■■■■■■	(Qal rare)	(. 3) יִבְקֹשׁ	Gen 37:15	he sought diligently	I — intensive searching

Answer Key — Part B

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Piel Form	Ref	Translation	Function
8	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> (. 3)	יִקְדֹּשׁ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	to be holy	(. 3) יִקְדֹּשׁ	Gen 2:3	he sanctified	F — caused to be holy
9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> (1)	אֶגְדֹּלָהּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	to be great	(1) אֶגְדֹּלָהּ	Gen 12:2	I will make great	F — cause to be great
10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> (..)	חַיֹּת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	to live	(..) חַיֹּת	Gen 7:3	to preserve alive	F — cause to be alive
11	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> (. 3)	יִחַלֵּל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	to be profane	(. 3) יִחַלֵּל	Lev 21:12	he would profane	F — cause to be profane
12	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> (. 3)	יִכַּל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	to be complete	(. 3) יִכַּל	Gen 2:2	he completed/finished	F or I — cause completion

Answer Key — Part C

#	Root	Qal Meaning	Piel Form	Ref	Translation	Function
13	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> (.)	מְקַלֵּל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	to be small	(.) מְקַלֵּל	Gen 12:3	one who curses	D — declare accursed
14	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> (..)	לְכַפֵּר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	(to cover)	(..) לְכַפֵּר	Lev 4:20	to make atonement	DN — from ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
15	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> (. 3)	יִשְׁרָת	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	(Qal rare)	(. 3) יִשְׁרָת	Gen 39:4	he served	SA / DN — primary Piel form