

# *Gk-101 Introduction to Hebrew and Greek*

## *Verbals*

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- Perhaps You can here the Star Wars Yoda ease here, with the subject and verb coming last.
  - Our English  
the format is subject-verb-object. ( SVO )
  - In normal Hebrew,  
the format is verb-subject-object. ( VSO )
- When deviations are found from VSO, it is time to check if it is marked for a special purpose.

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- There are some constructions that are important and when observed on the first word of a sentence need to be followed up on:

| Index | Prefix   | First Word |
|-------|----------|------------|
| 1     | ‡        | + verb     |
| 2     | ‡        | + non verb |
| 3     | Other CJ | + verb     |
| 4     | Other CJ | + non verb |
| 5     | No CJ    | + verb     |
| 6     | NO CJ    | + non verb |

# Verbal Stems, Voice, & Intensity

| Root – Kill<br>קטל | Simple                                   | Intensive   | Causative                                      |
|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Active             | Q-Qal<br>he killed<br>קָטַל              | D-Piel<br>he brutally killed<br>קָטַל                       | H-Hiphil<br>he made (SomeOne) kill<br>הִקְטִיל |
| Passive            | N-Niphal<br>he was killed<br>נִקְטַל     | DP- Pual<br>he was brutally killed<br>קָטַל                 | Hp-Hophal<br>he was made to kill<br>הִקְטִיל   |
| Reflexive          | N-Niphal<br>he killed himself<br>נִקְטַל | HtD-Hithpael<br>he brutally killed<br>himself<br>הִתְקַטַּל |  |

# לָדַע in Seven Stems

| Stem     | Definition    | Explanation   |
|----------|---------------|---|
| Qal      | Bear children | The action of the mother<br>(but also used of the father) |
| Niphal   | Be Born       | The action of the Child                                   |
| Piel     | Help at birth | The action of the midwife                                 |
| Pual     | Be Born       | Child Born (with help of midwife ?)                       |
| Hiphal   | Begat         | The action of the father                                  |
| Hophal   | Be Born       | Child Begotten (by a father)                              |
| Nithpael | Register      | The action of an official recorder of births              |

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## IrReal

- Prediction
  - statement in future test
- Habitual / Gnomic
  - Action viewed as repeated
- Command / Request
  - Imposing of the will
- Exhortation
  - encouraging others action

# Real vs IrReal clause Functions

## IrReal (continued)

- Obligation
  - A must statement
- Permission
  - A may statement
- Question
  - Simple question to find out
  - does not assume existence
- Desire
  - reality in doubt by speaker



# The 7 Aspects of an Event

| Mood        | Aspect                             | Description  | Representation |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Real/Irreal | Constative                         | Portrays the event as a whole  |                |
| Real/Irreal | Instantaneous                      | Event has no progression:<br>beginning = ending  |                |
| Real/Irreal | Ingressive<br>(Inceptive)          | Focus on the beginning of the event<br>progress not really in view                         |                |
| Real/Irreal | Resultative<br>(Telic)             | Focus on the ending of the event:<br>progress not really in view                           |                |
| Real/Irreal | Perfective                         | Portrays both a completed action with a<br>resulting state                                 |                |
| Irreal      | Iterative<br>(Habitual, Customary) | Focus on the progress of a repeated event  |                |
| Irreal      | Continuous                         | Focus on the progress of a constant action or<br>state without viewing beginning or ending |                |