

Rocine Lesson 3

וַיֵּלֶךְ מֹשֶׁה וַיְדַבֵּר אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים אֵל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל

Deuteronomy 31:1

Missing Letter Rules

- These are 4 ‘Missing Letter’ rules.
- There are all very useful.
- They apply when one root letter is missing in prefix verb conjugations (e.g. wayyiqtol and yiqtol).
- What you do is
 - Find the **prefix consonant**
 - Look at its **vowel point**

RULE #1 says:

- If the prefix vowel is **tsere**,
 - the missing letter is the **first** root letter
 - the missing letter is **yod**

Missing Letter Rule # 1

○ ○ ◌ ! → I - Yod

Missing Letter Rule # 1

○ ○ ◌ ◌ → I - Yod

(Note that הלך “to walk” behaves like it is I-Yod, i.e. as if the ה where a י.)

Missing Letter Rule # 1

○ ○ ◌ ◌ → I - Yod

Identify the root:

- וַיֵּצֵא
- וַיֵּלֶךְ
- וַיֹּאמֶר
- וַיְדַבֵּר
- וַיָּשָׁב


Missing Letter Rule # 1

○ ○ ◌ וּ → I - Yod

Identify the root:

- וַיֵּצֵא יצא to go out
- וַיֵּלֶךְ הלך to go, walk
- וַיֹּאמֶר אמר to say
- וַיְדַבֵּר דבר to speak
- וַיֵּשֶׁב ישב to sit, dwell

Missing
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letter



Qamets-Hatuf

Closed, Unaccented Syllable

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E.g.

- כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל
- מִרְדְּכָי

DDO

- Definite Direct Object marker
- Optional (not always present)
- אֶת or אֵת
- Simply learn as a vocab word


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- וַיֵּלֶךְ הֵלֵךְ to go, walk
- וַיֹּאמֶר אָמַר to say
- וַיְדַבֵּר דָּבַר to speak
- וַיֵּשֶׁב יָשַׁב to sit, dwell

Missing
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Missing Letter Rule # 1

○ ○ ◌ ◌ → I - Yod

Identify the root:

- וַיֵּצֵא
- וַיֵּלֶד
- וַיֹּאמֶר
- וַיְדַבֵּר
- וַיָּשָׁב

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Identify the root:

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- וַיֵּלֶךְ הלך to go, walk
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