Rocine Lesson 3

וַיֵּ֖לֶךְ מֹשֶׁ֑ה וַיְדַבֵּ֛ר אֶת־הַדְּבָרִ֥ים אֶל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵֽל

Deuteronomy 31:1

Missing Letter Rules

- These are 4 'Missing Letter" rules.
  - We will study the first one in this lesson.
- There are all very useful.
- They apply when one root letter is missing in prefix verb conjugations (e.g. wayyiqtol and yiqtol).
- For all 4 rules, what you do is
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Missing Letter Rule # 1

The 1ˢᵗ Rule says:

- If the prefix vowel is tsere,
    - the missing letter is the first root letter
    - the missing letter is yod
- We call this a I-Yod verb

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○ ○ ◌ וֹ ⟶ I - Yod

(Note that הָלַךְ "to walk" behaves like it is I-Yod, i.e. as if the ה where a יֹ.)

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- וַיֵּצֵא
- וַיֵּלֶךְ
- וַיֹּאמֶר
- וַיְדַבֵּר
- וַיֵּשֶׁב

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- וַיֵּלֶךְ   הלךְ   to go, walk
- וַיֹּאמֶר   אמר   to say
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Remember that הלך acts like it's I-Yod

Qamets-Hatuf

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E.g.

- כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל
- מָרְדְּכַי

DDO

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

DDO

Genesis 1:1

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ׃

- Find the DDO (there are 2 of them)
- Can you guess what the words are that come after the two DDOs, i.e. what the direct objects are in this verse?
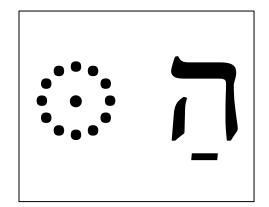
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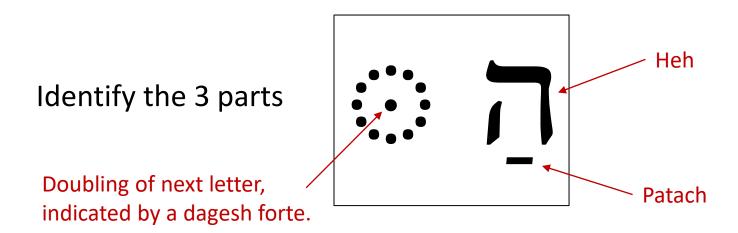
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Heh

Patach

Doubling of next letter, indicated by a dagesh forte.

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In our lesson sentence above, find…
1. a man's name
2. a country's name
3. a verb that is missing 1 root letter
4. a verb that has all 3 root letters
5. a qamets-hatuph
6. a definite article ("the")
7. a definite direct object marker (DDO)

More Practice for Missing Letter Rule # 1

Identify the root:

וַיֵּרֶד			
וַתֵּרֶד			
וַתִּמָּלֵא			
וַתַּעַל			
וַיֵּדַע			
וָאֵדַע			
וַתֵּדָע			
וַיֵּדְעוּ			

More Practice for Missing Letter Rule # 1

Identify the root:

וַיֵּ֫רֶד	ירד	He went down	Gen 11:5
וַתֵּ֫רֶד	ירד	She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up.	Gen 24:16
וַתְּמַלֵּא	מלא	She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up.	Gen 24:16
וַתַּ֫עַל	עלה	She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up.	Gen 24:16
וַיֵּ֫דַע	ידע	David knew that Saul was plotting against him.	1 Sam 23:9
וָאֵדַע	ידע	… and I knew that they were cherubim.	Ezek 10:20
וַתֵּדַע	ידע	Oh LORD, you have searched me and you have known me!	Psalm 139:1
וַיֵּדְעוּ	ידע	… and they knew that they were naked.	Gen 3:7

More Practice for Missing Letter Rule # 1

Identify the root:

וַתֵּלֶד			
וַתֹּאמֶר			
יֵשְׁבוּ			
וַיֵּשְׁבוּ			
וַיֵּשְׁבוּ			
יֵשֶׁב			
אֵשֵׁב			
תֵּשֵׁב			

More Practice for Missing Letter Rule # 1

Identify the root:

וַתֵּלֶד	ילד	She conceived and bore Cain and said …	Gen 4:1
וַתֹּאמֶר	אמר	She conceived and bore Cain and said …	Gen 4:1
יֵשְׁבוּ	ישב	Let them settle in the land of Goshen.	Gen 47:6
וַיֵּשְׁבוּ	ישב	They came to Haran and settled there	Gen 11:31
וַיֵּשְׁבוּ	ישב	They sat down to eat	Gen 37:25
יֵשֵׁב	ישב	But YHWH sits enthroned forever	Ps 9:7(8heb)
אֵשֵׁב	ישב	I will not sit with the wicked	Ps 26:5
תֵּשֵׁב	ישב	But you, YHWH, are enthroned forever	Ps 102:12(13heb)