



## Qal Imperative (2p)

Singular צוּוי – יְחִיד

□ □ □ אַתָּה

□ □ □ אֵת

Plural צוּוי – רַבִּים

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# Qal Imperative Verb Table

In general, the Qal imperative is formed by removing the prefixes from the second person Qal Imperfect forms:

Qal Imperative Verbs (strong)			
Second person direct commands, active voice...			
Drop <b>-ת</b> prefix from second person imperfect forms:			
	Imperfect	Imperative	example
2ms	□□□ <del>ת</del>	→ □□□	שָׁמֹר - watch, guard!
2fs	י□□□ <del>ת</del>	→ י□□□	שְׁמָעִי - hear, listen!
2mpl	י□□□ <del>ת</del>	→ י□□□	שָׁמְרוּ - watch, be careful!
2fpl	נָה□□□ <del>ת</del>	→ נָה□□□	שְׁמְרוּנָה - watch, be careful!

## Qal Imperative Suffixes

-	you ms	י	-	you (mpl)
י	you fs	נָה	-	you (fpl)

## Qal Imperative Diagnostic

sfx	form	F	sfx	form	M
י-	יXXX	2s (אתָ)	-	XXX	2s (אתה)
נה-	נהXXX	2pl (אתם)	י-	יXXX	2pl (אתם)

שָׁמְרִי / שָׁמֹר - you keep! (s)

שְׁמְרוּנָה / שָׁמְרוּ - you keep! (pl)

שָׁמֹר - xxx "guard, keep"

## Grammatical Notes:

- The letter Hey (ה-) may be added as a suffix to the 2m singular form (e.g., שָׁמְרֵה).
- The particle נָא (which means "please") may follow an imperative (e.g., שָׁמֹר נָא).
- The imperative mood in the *first* person is called the "cohortative" ("let us go").
- The imperative mood in the *third* person is called the "jussive" ("may he prosper!").



# Definition and Examples

The Qal imperative form expresses commands directed to another person(s), and therefore it is always expressed in the second person singular or plural. Examples would be "Be strong" (spoken to an individual) or "Remember the LORD your God" (spoken to a group).

## Examples:

1. רק שִׁמְרוּ מְאֹד לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־הַמִּצְוָה וְאֶת־הַתּוֹרָה  
"Only be [ye] careful to keep the commandment and the Torah" (Josh. 22:5)
2. זָכֵר בִּי־רוּחַ חַיִּי לֹא־תָשׁוּב עֵינַי לְרֵאוֹת טוֹב  
"Remember that my life is a breath, my eye will never again see good" (Job 7:7)
3. חֲזַקוּ וְאַמְצוּ אַל־תִּירְאוּ  
"Be [ye] strong and be [ye] courageous, do not be afraid..." (Deut. 31:6)
4. אֶרֶץ אֶרֶץ אֶרֶץ שְׁמַעִי דְבַר־יְהוָה  
"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!" (Jer. 22:29)