









Definition and Examples

Active participles often function as attributive or predicative adjectives, though they can also serve as a verb or a noun. Active participles express verbal action in an active voice, meaning what is described by the participle performs the action expressed by the participle. Notice that the endings are the same as adjective endings:

Qal Active Participles verbal adj/n; active voice (performs action)	
<i>Form</i>	Example שוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאָל - "Watcher of Israel" - אָהֶם יוֹשָׁבִים - "you are dwelling"
ר בוֹםֶם - 1,2,3 fs בים ר 1,2,3 fpl	יוֹשֶׁבֶת צִיוֹן - "inhabitant of Zion" עַמְרוֹת רַוְלֵינוּ - "our feet are standing"

Examples:

1. שוֹמֵר מִצְוָה לֹא יֵדַע דְּבָר רְע

"The one who keeps the commandment will know no evil thing." (Eccl. 8:5)

2. גַאֵמָנִים פּּצְעֵי אוֹהֶב וְנַעְתָרוֹת נִשִּׁיקוֹת שוֹנֵא

"Faithful are the wounds of <u>a friend</u>; but many are the kisses of <u>an enemy</u>." (Prov. 27:6)

אַהֶם לַיהוֶה עֹשֵׂה שְׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ 3.

"You are blessed of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 115:15)