Qal Imperative (2p)

Singular

**ודא**

Plural

**בונ**
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 -ה prefix from second person imperfect forms:

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Qal Imperative Suffixes
- - ms you
- - fs you
- - fs you

Qal Imperative Diagnostic

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Grammatical Notes:
- The letter Hey (י) may be added as a suffix to the 2m singular form (e.g., יֵשֶׁר).
- The particle נ (which means "please") may follow an imperative (e.g., נֵשֶׁר).
- The imperative mood in the first person is called the "cohortative" ("let us go").
- The imperative mood in the 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. רָכַ֙ם שָׂמִ֔והּ לֹ֙עֱשֹׂ֖ה הָשָׁמֹֽרְנ֖וּ וְאַדְרַכֵּֽהוּ וְאַדְרַכֵּֽהוּ "Only be [ye] careful to keep the commandment and the Torah" (Josh. 22:5)

2. זִכְרֵ֖ה לְאֶתְּשָׁמֵֽרְנ֖וּ וְלֹ֑א הוֹשֵׁ֣ב עַֽטֵּנָ֔י לְרָאֲשֹֽׁתְךָ וְלֹ֑א הוֹשֵׁ֣ב עַֽטֵּנָ֔י "Remember that my life is a breath, my eye will never again see good" (Job 7:7)

3. חֳזֵ֖ק וְאַמַּֽנוּ אֶלְּחֶרֶֽא "Be [ye] strong and be [ye] courageous, do not be afraid..." (Deut. 31:6)

4. אֱלֹהֶֽמֶּנִּ֔י אֱלֹהֶֽמֶּנִּ֔י אֲArchivoָֽו "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!" (Jer. 22:29)