

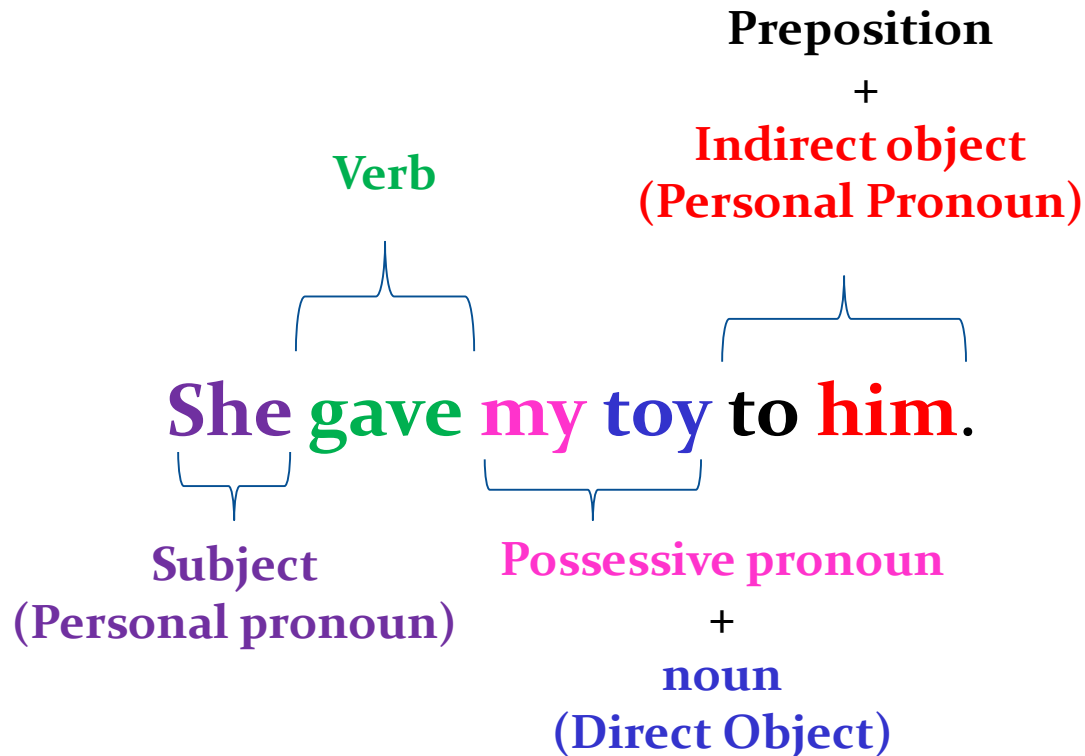
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- Before we begin our discussion on pronominal suffixes, we need to identify some terms.
- The best way to do that is by using examples.

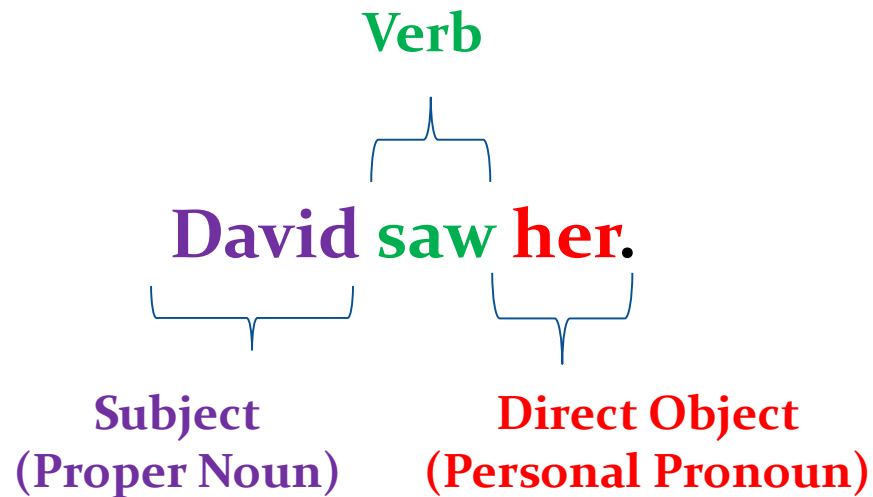
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- Note that personal pronouns can be used:
  - Subjectively (as the subject)
  - Objectively (as a direct and/or indirect object)

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- Pronominal suffixes are pronouns that are used as objects (both direct and indirect) or possessives.
- When they appear on the end of verbs, prepositions, or articles, they are used as objects [me, her, him, us, you (singular or plural), them].
- When they appear on the end of nouns, they are used as possessives [my, her, his, our, your (singular or plural), their].

# Pronominal Suffixes

- There are two different types of pronominal suffixes.
  - Type 1 is usually used with singular nouns, verbs, and particles.
    - The inseparable preposition לְ uses type 1.
    - The inseparable prepositions כִּי and מִן use an alternate of type 1.
  - Type 2 is used with plural nouns.
    - The preposition עַל uses type 2.

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## Pronominal Suffixes Type 1

Person, Number, Gender	Singular Pronominal Suffix	Person, Number, Gender	Plural Pronominal Suffix
3ms	ו , הוּ	3mp	הֶם , הֵם
3fs	הִיא , הִיאָ	3fp	הֵן , הֵנָּה
2ms	הוּ	2mp	כֵּם
2fs	הִיא	2fp	כֵּן
1cs	אֲנִי	1cp	נָנוּ

These are for singular nouns and certain prepositions.



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- Feminine 3<sup>rd</sup> Person Suffix:
  - The dot in the 3fs form (אִנִּי) is called a mappiq; it marks the 3fs suffix.
  - Although it looks like one, it is not a dagesh lene or a dagesh forte.

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## Pronominal Suffixes Type 2

Person, Number, Gender	Singular Pronominal Suffix	Person, Number, Gender	Plural Pronominal Suffix
3ms	וֹ	3mp	וֹהֶם
3fs	וֹהָּ	3fp	וֹהֶן
2ms	וֹיָּ	2mp	וֹיָּהֶם
2fs	וֹיָּהָּ	2fp	וֹיָּהֶן
1cs	וֹיָּ	1cp	וֹיָּנוּ

These are for plural nouns and certain prepositions.

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- Masculine plural nouns:
  - Drop their plural suffix (םִיָּ) before the addition of a plural pronominal suffix.
  - The yod (י) in the plural pronominal suffix is the only way to tell that the noun is plural.
  - The rest of the suffix determines the person of the pronominal suffix.

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## Type 1 and 2 Pronominal Suffixes

Person, Number, Gender	Suffix for Singular Nouns (Type 1)	Suffix for Plural Nouns (Type 2)	Person, Number, Gender	Suffix for Singular Nouns (Type 1)	Suffix for Plural Nouns (Type 2)
3ms	וְ, הוּ	וֹ	3mp	וֹם, הֶם	וֹהֶם
3fs	וָהָ, הִיא	וָהָ	3fp	וָהָן, הֵנָּה	וָהָנָה
2ms	כִּי	כִּי	2mp	כֶּם	כֶּיכֶם
2fs	כִּי	כִּי	2fp	כֶּן	כֶּיכֶן
1cs	יְ	יְ	1cp	נוּ	יְנוּ

\* When these appear on the end of verbs, prepositions, or articles, they are used as objects [him, her, me, them, your (sing. and pl.), us.]

\* When these appear on the end of nouns, they are used as possessives [his, her, my, their, your (sing. and pl), our].<sup>12</sup>

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- Examples of masculine singular nouns with pronominal suffixes:

- בְּצַלְמוֹ in his (own) image (צֶלֶם)
- לְאִישָּׁהּ to her husband (אִישׁ ; note mappiq)
- עַבְדְּךָ your (ms) servant (עַבַד)
- עֲצֻבֹתְךָ your (fs) sorrow (עֲצֻבוֹן)
- קוֹלִי my voice (קוֹל)
- רְכוּשָׁם their possessions, substance (רְכוּשׁ)
- בְּבִשְׂרְכֶם in your (mp) flesh (בִּשָר)
- כֶּסֶפֵּנוּ our money (כֶּסֶף)

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- Examples of masculine plural nouns with pronominal suffixes:

- עַמָּוֹת **his** people (עַמִּים, עַם)
- עֵינֶיהָ **her** eyes (עֵינַיִם, עֵין)
- וּפְנֵיהֶם **and their** faces (פְּנֵים, פָּנֶה)
- רַגְלֵיכֶם **your (mp)** feet (רַגְלַיִם, רֶגֶל)
- יָמָי **my** days (יָמִים, יוֹם)
- יָדֵינוּ **our** hands (יָדַיִם, יָד)

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- Before a pronominal suffix is added to a feminine singular noun which ends in *qamets he* (הַֿ), that original *he* (ה) is replaced by a *tav* (ת).

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- Examples of feminine singular nouns with pronominal suffixes:

- אִשְׁתּוֹ his wife (אִשָּׁה)
- שִׁפְחָהּ her maid (שִׁפְחָה)
- לְצִבְאָךְ to your (ms) army (צִבְאָה)
- חַמּוֹתֶיךָ your (fs) mother-in-law (חַמּוֹת)
- מִמְּלֻכְתִּי my kingdom (מַמְלָכָה)
- שִׁפְתָּם their language (שִׁפְתָּה)
- אֲחֹתֵנוּ our sister (אֲחֹת)



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- Examples of feminine plural nouns with pronominal suffixes:

- וְרֵעוֹתֶיהָ and **her** companions (רֵעָה, רֵעוֹת)
- וּבָנוֹתַיְכֶם and **your (ms)** daughters (בַּת, בָּנוֹת)
- מִצְוֹתַי **my** commandments (מִצְוָה, מִצְוֹת)
- בְּאֲרָצֹתָם in **their** lands (אֶרֶץ, אֲרָצוֹת)
- בָּנוֹתַיְכֶם **your (mp)** daughters (בַּת, בָּנוֹת)
- מִלְחָמֹתֵנוּ **our** battles (מִלְחָמָה, מִלְחָמוֹת)

# Pronominal Suffixes

- Now that we have seen how pronominal suffixes are used with nouns, we will look at their use with prepositions.

# Pronominal Suffixes

Pronominal Suffixes with לְ			
Person, Number, Gender	Singular	Person, Number, Gender	Plural
3ms (him)	לוֹ	3mp (them)	לָהֶם
3fs (her)	לָהּ	3fp (them)	לָהֶן
2ms (you)	לְךָ	2mp (you all)	לְכֶם
2fs (you)	לְךָ	2fp (you all)	לְכֶן
1cs (me)	לִי	1cp (us)	לָנוּ

לְ is an inseparable preposition that means *to, for, at...*

# Pronominal Suffixes

- Be careful not to confuse לו (to him) with לא (not).
- Genesis 4:15 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יְהוָה
- And Yehovah said to him...
- Imagine ה is a man (him).
- Exodus 20:16 לֹא תַעֲנֶה בְּרֵעֶךָ עֵד שָׁקֵר :
- Do not bear/testify false witness against your neighbor.
- Imagine א is an X (not).

# Pronominal Suffixes

- Numbers 32:7 אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָהֶם יְהוָה: **אֲשֶׁר** **נָתַן** **לָהֶם**
- **Which** Yehovah **has** **given** **them**
  
- Ruth 2:20 וְתֹאמֶר לָהּ נַעֲמִי
- And/then **Naomi** said **to her**
  
- Psalm 55:2E/3H הִקְשִׁיבָה לִּי וְעֲנֵנִי
- Attend **to me**, and **hear me**

# Pronominal Suffixes

- When the preposition **מִן** is attached to pronominal suffixes, it uses the alternate longer form **מִנֵּן** and some alternate endings throughout the paradigm.

# Pronominal Suffixes

## Pronominal Suffixes with מן

Person, Number, Gender	Singular	Person, Number, Gender	Plural
3ms (from him, it)	מִמֶּנּוּ	3mp (from them)	מֵהֶם
3fs (from her, it)	מִמֶּנָּה	3fp (from them)	מֵהֶן
2ms (from you)	מִמְּךָ	2mp (from you all)	מֵכֶם
2fs (from you)	מִמְּךָ	2fp (from you all)	מֵכֶן
1cs (from me)	מִמֶּנִּי	1cp (from us)	מֵמֶנּוּ

מן is a preposition that means *from, out of, some, than...*

# Pronominal Suffixes

- Genesis 3:3 לא תאכלו ממנו ...
- You shall **not** eat of it
  
- Genesis 42:16 שלחו מכם אחד
- **Send one** of you...
  
- Deuteronomy 7:17 רבים הגוים האלה ממני
- **These nations** are **greater** than I...



# Pronominal Suffixes

- When the preposition **כִּי** is attached to pronominal suffixes, it uses the alternate longer form **כִּי־וְ**.

# Pronominal Suffixes

## Pronominal Suffixes with כְּ

Person, Number, Gender	Singular	Person, Number, Gender	Plural
3ms (him)	כְּמוֹהוּ	3mp (them)	כְּדֵהֶם
3fs (her)	כְּמוֹהָ	3fp (them)	כְּדֵהֶן
2ms (you)	כְּמוֹךָ	2mp (you all)	כְּכֶם
2fs (you)	כְּמוֹכֶיךָ	2fp (you all)	כְּכֶנָּה
1cs (me)	כְּמוֹנִי	1cp (us)	כְּמוֹנֵנוּ

כְּ is an inseparable preposition that means *as, like, according to*.

# Pronominal Suffixes

- 1 Samuel 21:9/10 אֵין כְּמוֹתָהּ תִּנְנֶנָּה לִי
- ... there is none like it, give it to me.
  
- Judges 9:48 עֲשׂוּ כְמוֹנִי
- ... do as I [have done]. (Note absence of dagesh lene.)
  
- 2 Kings 17:15 אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם לְבַלְתִּי עֲשׂוֹת כְּהֵם׃
- ... whom Yehovah had commanded them that they should not do like them.

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Pronominal Suffixes for על			
Person, Number, Gender	Singular Pronominal Suffix	Person, Number, Gender	Plural Pronominal Suffix
3ms (him)	עָלָיו	3mp (them)	עָלֵיהֶם
3fs (her)	עָלֶיהָ	3fp (them)	עָלֵיהֶן
2ms (you)	עָלֶיךָ	2mp (you all)	עָלֵיכֶם
2fs (you)	עָלֶיךָ	2fp (you all)	עָלֵיכֶן
1cs (me)	עָלַי	1cp (us)	עָלֵינוּ

עַל means *on, upon, against, over, concerning*.

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- Genesis 15:12 אִימָה חֲשֹׁכָה גְדֹלָה נִפְלְתָ עָלָיו
- Horror of great darkness fell upon him (Abram)
- Genesis 27:3 ותאמר לו אמו עלי קללתך בני
- His mother said to him, “Upon me [be] your curse my son”
- Joshua 23:14 אֲנִשְׁר דְּבַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם עָלֵיכֶם
- Which Jehovah your Elohim (God) had spoken concerning you.

# Pronominal Suffixes

- During the separate presentation on definiteness and prepositions, we saw how the independent preposition **אִתּוֹ** (meaning “with”) and the definite direct object marker can appear with pronominal suffixes.
- The same chart from that presentation is here for additional reference.
- You may recall that it is very similar to **אִתּוֹ** when it is used as the definite direct object marker.

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## The Preposition אֶת/אֵת (With)

3ms (with him)	אֵתוֹ	3mp (with them)	אֵתָם
3fs (with her)	אֵתָהּ	3fp (with them)	אֵתָן
2ms (with you)	אֵתְּךָ	2mp (with you)	אֵתְּכֶם
2fs (with you)	אֵתְּךְ	2fp (with you)	אֵתְּכֶן
1cs (with me)	אֵתִי	1cp (with us)	אֵתָנוּ

**Note:** The preposition אֶת with pronominal suffixes is spelled with a hireq under the א and a dagesh forte in the ת. This distinguishes it from the definite direct object marker.

**Remember:** The one with the dagesh means “with.”

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- Jeremiah 2:9 ... אָרִיב אֶתְכֶם
- I will plead with you
  
- 2 Samuel 3:15 וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶתָּהּ אִישָׁהּ
- **And her** husband **went** with her.
  
- Isaiah 59:12 כִּי פְשָׁעֵינוּ אֶתָּנוּ
- For **our** transgressions [are] with us



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- The preposition עם (*with*) works in a similar fashion.
- Isaiah 7:14 וְקָרָאתָ שְׁמוֹ עִמָּנוּ אֵל
- And shall call his name Immanu-El (God with us).
- Genesis 26:20 כִּי הִתְעַשְׂקוּ עִמּוֹ
- For they quarreled with him (over the wells).

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## The Direct Object Marker **את/את-**

3ms (him)	אֹתוֹ	3mp (them)	אֹתָם
3fs (her)	אֹתָהּ	3fp (them)	אֹתָן
2ms (you)	אֹתְךָ	2mp (you all)	אֹתְכֶם
2fs (you)	אֹתְךָ	2fp (you all)	אֹתְכֶן
1cs (me)	אֹתִי	1cp (us)	אֹתָנוּ

**Note:** The Direct Object Marker with a pronominal suffix is spelled with a holem or seghol in contrast to the *preposition* **את** (*which means 'with'*) when it is attached to pronominal suffixes.

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- Jeremiah 39:7 לְבִיא אֹתוֹ בְּבָלָה
- ... to bring him to Babylon
  
- Genesis 30:30 וַיְבָרֶךְ יְהוָה אֹתְךָ
- And YHVH blessed you (ms)
  
- 2 Chronicles 33:3 וַיַּעֲבֹד אֹתָם
- And he served them

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- Pronominal suffixes can be used as resumptive pronouns.
- Resumptive pronouns are personal pronouns that appear in relative clauses; they refer back to the antecedent (the noun which the relative clause modifies).
  - Which is the **boy** I saw *him*.
  - That is the **book** I bought *it*.
  - The **houses** which they lived in *them*.
- It is improper to use these in English but they are often seen in Hebrew.


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Examples of resumptive pronouns:

- Exodus 6:4 : אֲשֶׁר גָּרוּ בָּהּ :  
[to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage] **in which (wherein)** they were strangers **in it (wherein)**.
- Genesis 28:13 אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה נֹשֵׁב עָלֶיהָ  
[the land] **on which (whereon)** you lie **on it (whereon)**

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