# What the Aramaic Verb Will Tell You About Itself

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# Perfect Aspect

בְּתַב	G (Peal) Shewa under 1 <sup>st</sup> root letter + interior theme vowel <sup>1</sup>
כָּתְבַּת	G (Peal) Ḥı̂req under 1st root letter + interior theme vowel (for 3fs and 1cs)
קָם	G (Peal) Qameş under 1st root letter, only two root letters: hollow verb
עַל	G (Peal) Patah under 1st root letter, in some forms only two root letters: geminate verb
בֿעֿד	D (Pael) Patah under 1st root letter and doubled middle root letter
<del>أ</del> َلَّ	D (Pael) Qameş under 1st root letter, II-guttural or 7
<mark>הַ</mark> לְתֵּב	H (Hafel) Patah under preformative 7
בְּחֱסִנוּ	H (Hafel) S <sup>e</sup> gol under preformative 77
הֵיבֵל	H (Hafel) Ṣērê under preformative הֹ root י-ו : י root
<mark>הוֹדַע</mark>	H (Hafel) preformative לה followed by i: I-ו root
אָקים	H (Afel) preformative N
שֵׁיזִב	H (Shafel) <i>preformative שׁ</i> (roots: עזב, כלל, יצא)
<mark>הְתְ</mark> ּכְּתֵב	HtG (Hithpeel) הָהְ prefix, no doubled middle radical
<mark>אָתְ</mark> גְּזֶרֶת	HtG (Ithpeel) אָקְ prefix, no doubled middle radical
<mark>הָתְ</mark> כַּתַּב	HtD (Hithpaal) אָקְ prefix, doubled middle radical or compensative lengthening
<mark>כְּ</mark> תִיב	Gp (Peil) Shewa under 1 <sup>st</sup> root letter + Ḥîreq-'theme vowel
<mark>הְ</mark> לְתַּב	Hp (Hofal) <i>Qameş-ḥāṭūph under preformative 7</i>
הָעְל	Hp (Hofal) <i>Qibbûş under preformative ה</i> : I-guttural roots or the root סלך
הוּבַל	Hp (Hofal) preformative ק followed by ז: ו-י or ו-א roots

¹ Theme vowel may be <code>pataḥ</code>, <code>ḥîreq</code>, or <code>ṣērê</code>

### Imperfect Aspect

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יָכְתַּב
            G (Peal) Hireg under preformative + interior theme vowel<sup>2</sup>
אכתב
            G (Peal) S<sup>e</sup>gol under preformative + interior theme vowel (for 1cs)
יַחלפון
            G (Peal) Patah under preformative + interior theme vowel: I-guttural root
ימר
            G (Peal) <u>Şērê</u> under preformative + interior theme vowel: ۱-x root
תלע
            G (Peal) Şērê under preformative + interior holem: geminate verb
יפל
            G (Peal) Hireq under preformative; two root letters with first root letter doubled: ۱-۱) or ۱-۱) (۱-۱)
ייטב
            G (Peal) Hîreq under preformative; first root letter is unpointed *: I-*
            G (Peal) Shewa under preformative; two root letters with interior u vowel<sup>3</sup>: hollow verb
יתום
יַבתב
            D (Pael) Shewa under preformative and doubled middle root letter or II-quttural or 7
            H (Hafel) Imperfect preformative followed by 7
יהַכִתֵב
תַּטְלֵל
            H (Afel) Patah under preformative
ישֵׁיזְבְנְבוֹן H (Shafel) Imperfect preformative followed by ש (roots: עזב, כלל, יצא)
יִתְכִּתֵב
            HtG (Hithpeel) Imperfect preformative followed by лinfix; no doubled middle radical
            HtD (Hithpaal) Imperfect preformative followed by Ininfix; doubled middle radical or
יתכתב
              compensative lengthening
יתוין
            HtH (Hithafel) Imperfect preformative followed by Tinfix (Hollow verbs only)
ישתכללון HtH (Hithafel) Imperfect preformative followed by ישתכללון
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<sup>3</sup> Šurea or qibbûş

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Theme vowel may be *qibbûş, pataḥ*, or ṣērê

### **Participle**

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בתב
            G (Peal) Qameş + Şērê
כתיב
            G (Peal) Shewa + Hîreq-yod: passive
מָכַתָּב
            D (Pael) preformative with shewa and doubled middle root letter or II-guttural or 7
            D (Pael) preformative with shewa and doubled middle root letter; pataḥ interior vowel:
מָכַתַּב
              passive
מהַכתב
            H (Hafel) preformative with shewa followed by 7
מַהַכִּתַב
            H (Hafel) preformative with shewa followed by 7; patah interior vowel: passive
מַשִּׁפִיל
            H (Afel) preformative with patah
מְשֵׁיזָב
            H (Shafel) א preformative with shewa followed by ש; (roots: עזב, כלל, יצא)
מְסוֹבְלָן
            H (Shafel) מ preformative with shewa followed by ס, (root יבל)
מָתַכָּתֵב
            HtG (Hithpeel) מָת prefix, no doubled middle radical
מָתְכַּתַב
            HtD (Hithpaal) מה prefix, doubled middle radical or compensative lengthening
Infinitives
מָכִתַב
            G (Peal) preformative with hireq
            G (Peal) preformative with segol: I-guttural root
מֶעָבַד
            D (Pael) Patah under 1st root letter; doubled middle root letter with interior games
בַתַבַת
הַכִּתַבַת
           H (Hafel) Tpreformative, interior games
שַׁבְלָלָה
           H (Shafel) preformative, interior games
א הַתְּבְּתְבַת HtG (Hithpeel) הָתְּבָּתְבַת HtG (Hithpeel) הָתְּבָּתְבַת
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