

# Inflection vs. Derivation

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1. In class, we discussed several criteria for distinguishing between inflection and derivation. Consider the (non-passive) binyanim in the Hebrew verbal system:

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| Paal/Kal | פעל/קל |
| Nif'al   | נפעל   |
| Pi'el    | פיעל   |
| Hitpa'el | התפעל  |
| Hif'il   | הפעיל  |

Are the binyanim inflectional or derivational? Justify your choice. (Note: The question here is about the relation between the binyanim, not the binyan-internal inflections.)

2. Consider the same question for one of the following:
- a. The Hebrew passive-benoni form **פעול** and its relation to Binyan Kal (not the internal inflection)
  - b. The English passive.
3. Draw attribute-value matrices (representations in feature-value notation) for each of the following forms in Hebrew and English:

- a. ספרים
- b. אכלנו
- c. לפנינו
- d. ate
- e. am