

FAQs – Chapter 24

From where does the name “Niphal” come?

The name “Niphal” is taken from the pronunciation of the 3ms form **נִפְעַל**. Though **קָטַל** is used in this grammar, **פָּעַל** was often used in earlier grammars. Therefore, the names of the derived stems are patterned after the verb **פָּעַל**. So, the Niphal is formed by adding the **נִ** prefix and the Pathach stem vowel to the verb **פָּעַל**. See the chart in 12.6 for further information.