

# Adding object suffixes to the Syriac verb

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## Pronoun object suffixes

me	-an	-n after vowel.* Spelt <i>ny</i> .
thee (m)	-ok	-k after vowel.
thee (f)	-ek	Spelt <i>ky</i> . Remains -ek, except after <i>u</i> (-uk), or <i>ey</i> (-eyk), or 3ms perfect of weak C3 verbs ( <i>ḥzok</i> 'he saw you').
him	-eb	After consonant.
	-y	After <i>o</i> . Spelt <i>yby</i> .
	-w	After <i>i</i> or <i>ey</i> . Spelt <i>wby</i> .
	-zero	After <i>u</i> . Spelt <i>wby</i> .
her	-ob	-b after vowel.
us	-an	-n after vowel.
you (m)	-kun	
you (f)	-keyn	

\* The vowels are *a e ey i o u*.

## PERFECT

### Class I CCaC

The underlying stem is CaCaC- (or CaCeC-). If the vowel after C<sup>1</sup> is stressed it is *a*, if unstressed it is *e*.

### Class IV etCCeC

The underlying stem is etCaCeC-.

### Classes II III and V VI

The final vowel of the stem is subject to the vowel deletion rule: CaCC(e)C-, aCC(e)C-, etCaCC(a)C-, ettaCC(a)C-.

### Hollow verbs in all classes

The stem CoC-, CiC- does not alter.

		with suffixes	
I killed	<i>qetlet</i>	<i>qtalt-</i>	
you (ms) killed	<i>qtalt</i>	<i>qtalto-</i>	
you (fs) killed	<i>qtalt</i>	<i>qtalti-</i>	
he killed	<i>qtal</i>	<i>qatl-</i>	<i>qtal-</i> before <i>-kun -keyn</i>
she killed	<i>qetlat</i>	<i>qtalt-</i>	
we killed	<i>qtaln</i>	<i>qtaltno-</i>	
you (mp) killed	<i>qtaltun</i>	<i>qtaltuno-</i>	
you (fp) killed	<i>qtalteyn</i>	<i>qtalteyno-</i>	
they (m) killed	<i>qtal</i>	<i>qatlu-</i>	
they (f) killed	<i>qtal</i>	<i>qatlo-</i>	<i>qtal-</i> before <i>-kun -keyn</i> .

### Class I CCaC verb with C1 overlap

		with suffixes	
I grabbed	<i>eḥdet</i>	<i>eḥadt-</i>	
you (ms) grabbed	<i>eḥadt</i>	<i>eḥadto-</i>	
you (fs) grabbed	<i>eḥadt</i>	<i>eḥadti-</i>	
he grabbed	<i>eḥad</i>	<i>aḥd-</i>	<i>eḥad-</i> before <i>-kun -keyn</i>
she grabbed	<i>eḥdat</i>	<i>eḥadt-</i>	
we grabbed	<i>eḥadn</i>	<i>eḥadno-</i>	
you (mp) grabbed	<i>eḥadtun</i>	<i>eḥadtuno-</i>	
you (fp) grabbed	<i>eḥadteyn</i>	<i>eḥadteyno-</i>	
they (m) grabbed	<i>eḥad</i>	<i>aḥdu-</i>	
they (f) grabbed	<i>eḥad</i>	<i>aḥdo-</i>	<i>eḥad-</i> before <i>-kun -keyn</i> .

Note change of initial *e* to *a* under stress.

### Class I CCaC weak C3

		with suffixes	
I saw	<i>ḥẓit</i>	<i>ḥẓit-</i>	
you (ms) saw	<i>ḥẓayt</i>	<i>ḥẓayto-</i>	
you (fs) saw	<i>ḥẓayt</i>	<i>ḥẓayti-</i>	
he saw	<i>ḥẓo</i>	<i>ḥẓo-</i>	
she saw	<i>ḥẓot</i>	<i>ḥẓot-</i>	
we saw	<i>ḥẓayn</i>	<i>ḥẓayno-</i>	
you (mp) saw	<i>ḥẓaytun</i>	<i>ḥẓaytuno-</i>	
you (fp) saw	<i>ḥẓayteyn</i>	<i>ḥẓayteyno-</i>	
they (m) saw	<i>ḥẓaw</i>	<i>ḥẓau-</i>	spelt <i>ḥẓ'w-</i>
they (f) saw	<i>ḥẓay</i>	<i>ḥẓayo-</i>	

### Classes II–VI weak C3

		with suffixes	
I healed	<i>dakkit</i>	<i>dakkit-</i>	
you (ms) healed	<i>dakkit</i>	<i>dakkito-</i>	
you (fs) healed	<i>dakkit</i>	<i>dakkiti-</i>	
he healed	<i>dakki</i>	<i>dakkiy-</i>	
she healed	<i>dakkiyat</i>	<i>dakkiyat-</i>	
we healed	<i>dakkin</i>	<i>dakkino-</i>	
you (mp) healed	<i>dakkitun</i>	<i>dakkituno-</i>	
you (fp) healed	<i>dakkitteyn</i>	<i>dakkitteyno-</i>	
they (m) healed	<i>dakkin</i>	<i>dakkiyu-</i>	
they (f) healed	<i>dakki</i>	<i>dakkiyo-</i>	

## FUTURE

### All classes

The underlying stem is -CCvC- (v = a, e, or u, all subject to vowel deletion rule).

The stem of hollow verbs does not alter.

		with suffixes	
I shall kill	<i>eqtul</i>	<i>eqtl-</i>	<i>eqtul-</i> before <i>-kun -keyn</i> . <i>eqtli-</i> before <i>-w</i> 'him' <i>-b</i> 'her'.
you (ms) will kill	<i>teqtul</i>	<i>teqtl-</i>	<i>teqtl-</i> before <i>-w -b</i> .
you (fs) will kill	<i>teqtlin</i>	<i>teqtlino-</i>	
he will kill	<i>neqtul</i>	<i>neqtl-</i>	<i>neqtul-</i> before <i>-kun -keyn</i> . <i>neqtl-</i> before <i>-w -b</i> .
she will kill	<i>teqtul</i>	<i>teqtl-</i>	<i>teqtul-</i> before <i>-kun -keyn</i> . <i>teqtl-</i> before <i>-w -b</i> .
we shall kill	<i>neqtul</i>	<i>neqtl-</i>	<i>neqtul-</i> before <i>-kun -keyn</i> . <i>neqtl-</i> before <i>-w -b</i> .
you (mp) will kill	<i>teqtlun</i>	<i>teqtluno-</i>	
you (fp) will kill	<i>teqtlon</i>	<i>teqtlono-</i>	
they (m) will kill	<i>neqtlun</i>	<i>neqtluno-</i>	
they (f) will kill	<i>neqtlon</i>	<i>neqtlono-</i>	

### All classes weak C3

		with suffixes	
I shall see	<i>ehze</i>	<i>ehzey-</i>	
you (ms) will see	<i>tehze</i>	<i>tehzey-</i>	
you (fs) will see	<i>tehzin</i>	<i>tehzino-</i>	
he will see	<i>nehze</i>	<i>nehzey-</i>	
she will see	<i>tehze</i>	<i>tehzey-</i>	
we shall see	<i>nehze</i>	<i>nehzey-</i>	
you (mp) will see	<i>tehzun</i>	<i>tehzuno-</i>	
you (fp) will see	<i>tehzon</i>	<i>tehzono-</i>	
they (m) will see	<i>nehzun</i>	<i>nehzuno-</i>	
they (f) will see	<i>nehzon</i>	<i>nehzono-</i>	

### IMPERATIVE OF CCAC VERBS WITH OBJECT SUFFIXES

	hear me/us!	hear him!	hear her!
<b>masc. sing. you</b>	<i>šma'ayn</i>	<i>šma'oy</i>	<i>šma'eyb</i>
<b>fem. sing. you</b>	<i>šma'in</i>	<i>šma'iw</i>	<i>šma'ih</i>
<b>masc. plur. you</b>	<i>šum'un</i>	<i>šum'u</i>	<i>šum'ub</i>
<b>fem. plur. you</b>	<i>šma'on</i>	<i>šma'oy</i>	<i>šma'ob</i>

Note that although the 1s and 1p suffixes are pronounced the same, 1s 'me' is spelt *ny*.

Note that in the masc. plur. forms the vowel between C2 and C3 disappears, and *u* appears between C1 and C2.

Alternative longer forms exist for the masc. plur. and fem. plur.