

Ross Lesson 14: Pron Sfx on Nouns, Definiteness LECTURE NOTES

1. Pronominal Suffixes on Sing. Nouns (Ross 14.1 & 14.2)

Here we introduce the pronominal suffixes that are added to singular nouns (comparing to the forms of the pronominal suffixes added to prep ל). (“E-harmony” pronouns)

	Sing. Pronoun		Plural Pronoun	
Third Masc	סוֹסוֹ	לוֹ	סוֹסָם	לָהֶם
Third Fem	סוֹסָהּ	לָהּ	סוֹסָן	לָהֶן
Second Masc	סוֹסְךָ	לְךָ	סוֹסְכֶם	לְכֶם
Second Fem	סוֹסֶיךָ	לְךָ	סוֹסְכֶן	לְכֶן
First Common	סוֹסִי	לִי	סוֹסָנֻ	לָנוּ

Note: the pronominal suffixes placed on singular nouns are almost identical to the pronominal suffixes you have already learned for the preposition ל. The forms highlighted in red indicate minor changes, usually simply involving the shift of helping vowel from gameš with ל to šere with sing. nouns.

The meanings of the forms of סוֹס with pronominal suffixes are as follows:

	Sing. Pronoun		Plural Pronoun	
Third Masc	סוֹסוֹ	his horse	סוֹסָם	their horse
Third Fem	סוֹסָהּ	her horse	סוֹסָן	their horse
Second Masc	סוֹסְךָ	your horse	סוֹסְכֶם	your horse
Second Fem	סוֹסֶיךָ	your horse	סוֹסְכֶן	your horse
First Common	סוֹסִי	my horse	סוֹסָנֻ	our horse

2. Pronominal Suffixes on Pl. Nouns (Ross 14.4)

Here we introduce the pronominal suffixes that are added to plural nouns (comparing to the forms of the pronominal suffixes added to sing nouns). (“Community” pronouns)

	Sing Pronoun		Plural Pronoun	
	Sing. Noun	Plural Noun	Sing. Noun	Plural Noun
Third Masc	סוסו his horse	סוסיו his horses	סוסם their horse	סוסיָהֶם their horses
Third Fem	סוסה her horse	סוסיהָ her horses	סוסן their horse	סוסיָהֶן their horses
Second Masc	סוסך your horse	סוסֶיךָ your horses	סוסְכֶם your horse	סוסיְכֶם your horses
Second Fem	סוסך your horse	סוסֶיךָ your horses	סוסְכֶן your horse	סוסיְכֶן your horses
First Common	סוסי my horse	סוסי my horses	סוסֵנּוּ our horse	סוסיָנּוּ our horses

Note: the pronoun suffixes, when added to plural nouns, show many similarities to the pronoun suffixes added to singular nouns. Notice, however, that every single pronominal suffix added to plural nouns has a yod right before the pronoun!!

3. Pronominal Suffixes on Masc and Fem Nouns, With and Without Changeable Vowels (Ross 14.2 through 14.5)

Nouns with pron. sfx. are basically construct chains:

_____	_____
pronoun	noun
abs	cst

Since the noun that bears a pronoun sfx is the construct form, it will undergo similar processes of change as the cst noun does when in a normal cst chain:

1. Loss of stress on main syllable (adding pron sfxs pushes the tone farther back)
2. Changes to endings (if applicable)
3. Changes to vowels (if applicable)

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Let's create the forms indicated below as we consult the Ross charts:

3.1. Masc Sing Nouns, Ross 14.2 (Set #1 pronouns, or “E-harmony” pronouns)

דָּבָר	becomes	דָּבָר	+3ms (his word)
דְּבָר	becomes	דְּבָר	+2mp (your/y'all's word)
עָמַל	becomes	עָמַל	+3ms (his trouble)
עַמְלָה	becomes	עַמְלָה	+3fs (her trouble)

3.2. Fem Sing Nouns, Ross 14.3 (Set #1 pronouns, or “E-harmony” pronouns)

תּוֹרָה	becomes	תּוֹרָה	+3ms (his law)
תּוֹרָה	becomes	תּוֹרָה	+3fs (her law)
תּוֹרָה	becomes	תּוֹרָה	+2mp (your/y'all's law)
שָׂפָה	becomes	שָׂפָה	+3ms (his lip)
שָׂפָה	becomes	שָׂפָה	+3fs (her lip)
שָׂפָה	becomes	שָׂפָה	+2mp (your/y'all's lip)
צִדְקָה	becomes	צִדְקָה	+3ms (his lip)

3.3. Masc Plural Nouns, Ross 14.4 (Set #2 pronouns, or “Community” pronouns)

סוּסִים	becomes	סוּס	+3ms (his horses)
סוּסִים	becomes	סוּס	+3fs (her horses)
סוּסִים	becomes	סוּס	+1cs (my horses)

סוּסִים	becomes	סוּס	+3mp (their horses)
דְּבָרִים	becomes	דֵּבַר	+3ms (his words)
דְּבָרִים	becomes	דֵּבַר	+3fs (her words)
דְּבָרִים	becomes	דֵּבַר	+3mp (their words)

3.4. Fem Plural Nouns, Ross 14.5 (Set #2 pronouns, or “Community” pronouns)

סוּסוֹת	becomes	סוּס	+3ms (his mares)
סוּסוֹת	becomes	סוּס	+3fs (her mares)
סוּסוֹת	becomes	סוּס	+3mp (their mares)
בְּרָכוֹת	becomes	בֵּרַךְ	+3ms (his blessings)
בְּרָכוֹת	becomes	בֵּרַךְ	+3fs (her blessings)

4. Pronominal Suffixes and Definiteness (Ross 14.6)

Three ways a noun can be definite:

- Article
- Proper noun
- Pron. sfx attached

Implications for grammar/syntax:

1. Attrib. Adj: תּוֹרָתוֹ הַגְּדוֹלָה

2. Suffixed noun is def. and takes DO marker: כָּרַת אֶת בְּרִיתוֹ:

3. Cst chain: last member determines definiteness of whole cst chain.

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