

1 Kings 20:31

Hebrew	וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו עֲבָדֶיךָ הִנֵּה נָא שָׁמְעֵנוּ כִּי מֶלֶכִּי בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי מֶלֶכִּי חֶסֶד הֵם נָשִׁימָה נָא שָׁקִים בְּמַתְּנֵינוּ וְחֻבְלִים אֶת־ hebrew The Hebrew אֶת word does not have a corresponding word in English. In Hebrew, it is a marker of the accusative, i.e. the word following it is the object of the sentence. For example, in Genesis 1:1 the word is preceded by בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים (בְּרֵאשִׁית)
ESV	And his servants said to him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes on our heads and go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will spare your life."
NIV	His officials said to him, "Look, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful. Let us go to the king of Israel with sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads. Perhaps he will spare your life."
NLT	Ben-hadad's officers said to him, "Sir, we have heard that the kings of Israel are merciful. So let's humble ourselves by wearing burlap around our waists and putting ropes on our heads, and surrender to the king of Israel. Then perhaps he will let you live."
LXX	
KJV	And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

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