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The Hebrew [את](#) 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 [בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים \(הַפְּנֵנִי הַיּוֹשֵׁב בְּגִזְרִי וַיֵּשֶׁב הַפְּנֵנִי\)](#) [קָרַב](#) [plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big](#)

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Meaning

* Midst * Among * Within * Inwardly * The centre, whether literal, figurative or adverbial

Masculine noun. Occurs over 250 times in the Old Testament.

From the root [קרב](#), meaning “to come near, approach.” So [קָרַב](#) is a noun form built from the verb [הָיָה](#) [Exodus 17:7](#) [Psalm 103:1](#) [הָיָה וַיְהִי](#) [plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big](#)

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The word [הָיָה](#) means “to exist” or “to be” or “to become” or “to come into being” and occurs 3561 times in the Old Testament.

This is the foundational verb of existence, identity, becoming and occurrence.

* It is used in the creation narrative of Genesis 1, represented by the English words [Genesis 1:3](#) [Exodus 3:12](#) [Ruth 1:1](#) [Isaiah 2:2](#) [לְמַס עֲבָד](#)

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