

Exodus 20:8

זָכוֹר אֶת־יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ:

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. (RSV)

זָכוֹר (za-khor)

The base verb is זָכַר *z.k.r* meaning "to remember." The addition of the letter ו and its pronunciation indicates that this verb is written in the infinitive (simple verb not identifying a subject) - remember.

אֵת (et)

This word identifies the following word as the direct object of the verb.

יוֹם (yom)

This word means day, either a whole day or just daylight hours.

הַשַּׁבָּת (ha-shab-bat)

The word שַׁבַּת *shab-bat* literally meaning "a day of ceasing/rest" and is derived from the verb שָׁבַת *shavat* meaning "to cease." Usually this word is translated as shabbat or sabbath. The prefix הַ means "the."

לְקַדְּשׁוֹ (le-qad-sho)

This base verb is קָדַשׁ *q.d.sh* and is usually translated as "holy" but more literally means "to set apart for a special purpose." The prefix לְ means "to" or "for" and the suffix וֹ means "him" but since it is in reference to the shabbat it would usually be translated as "it."