

Exodus 20:9

שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד וְעָשִׂיתָ כָּל־מְלַאכְתֶּךָ:

Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; (RSV)

שֵׁשֶׁת (shey-shet)

The base word is ששה *shishah* meaning six but is written in the construct - six of...; so the letter ך is changed to a ת.

יָמִים (yah-meem)

The base word is יום *yom* meaning day with the plural suffix ים *ym*.

תַּעֲבֹד (tah-ah-vod)

The verb is עבד *'b.d* meaning to serve. The prefix ת identifies the subject of the verb as second person, masculine singular and the tense of the verb as imperfect - you will serve.

וְעָשִׂיתָ (ve-ah-siy-tah)

The verb is עשה *'s.h* meaning to work. The suffix ת identifies the subject of the verb as second person, masculine singular and the tense of the verb as perfect - you worked. The prefix ו means and but also reverses the tense of the verb - and you will work.

כָּל (kol)

A word meaning all.

מְלַאכְתֶּךָ (me-lakh-teh-kha)

The base word is the noun מלאכה *melakhah* meaning work. The suffix means ך is the possessive pronoun your (masculine singular)- your work.