

The background is a golden-yellow color with a repeating pattern of Egyptian hieroglyphs and stylized human figures. The figures are depicted in profile, wearing traditional Egyptian clothing and headdresses. The hieroglyphs are arranged in vertical columns, typical of ancient Egyptian writing.

Write Like an Egyptian

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T: Can I read and write ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics?

Coding

Write a short message a person in your household without using words or letters.

What did you come up with?



Hieroglyphics

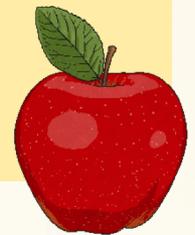
Hieroglyphics are an ancient Egyptian way of writing that uses pictures instead of letters.

Decoding Task: Write the word 'apple' in hieroglyphics on your paper.



1. How is it different or similar to writing in English?

2. How is 'apple' written in other languages?



The Rosetta Stone

The Rosetta Stone is famous because it contains hieroglyphic script that specialists were able to decode (make sense of).

It was found in 1799 and took twenty years to translate. It is inscribed in three parts; the top and middle texts written in Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic script, and the bottom written in Ancient Greek.

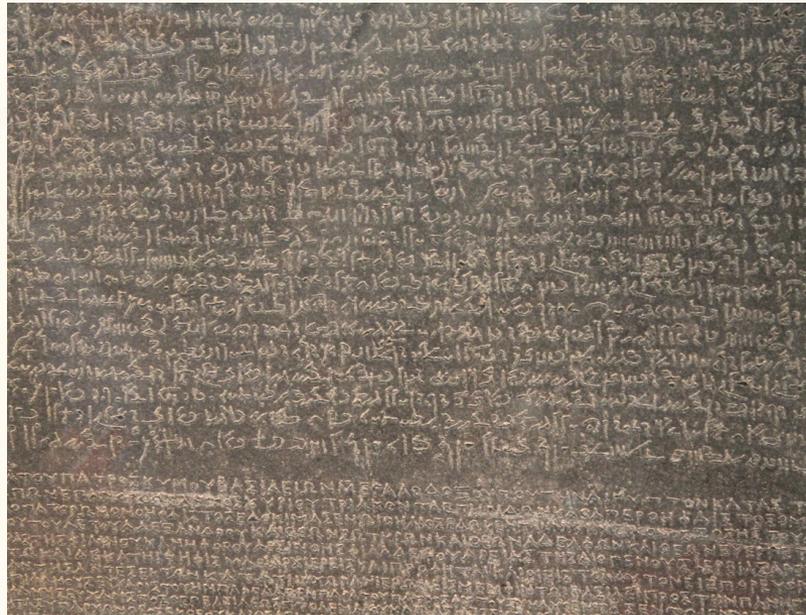
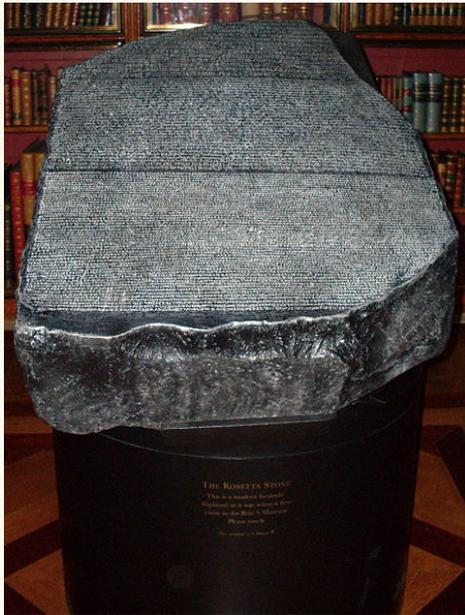


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Cartouches

The word 'hieroglyphic' means sacred (or special) carving. There are over 700 hieroglyphics.

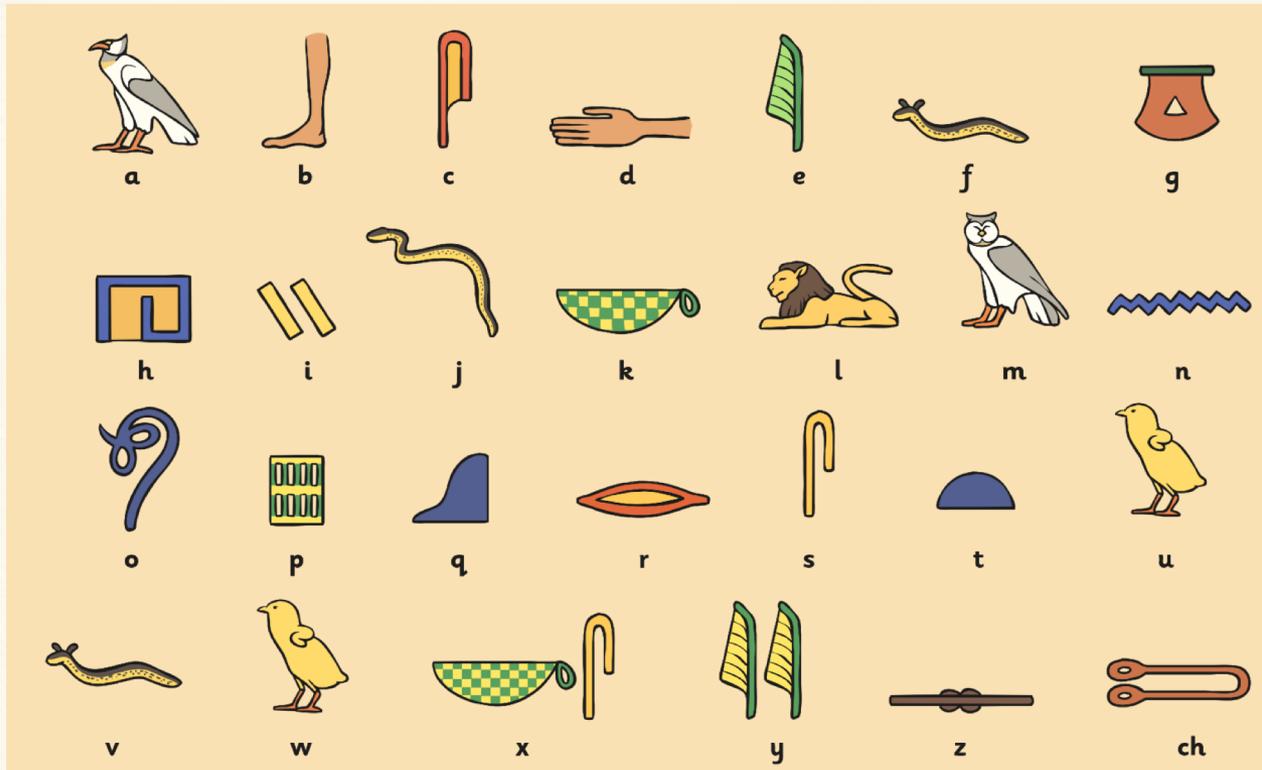
They can be written from the top to the bottom of the page, or across the page just as we write.

The Egyptians wrote the names of their kings or queens inside an oval shape called a **cartouche**, to show that they were special.



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Have a go at writing your name in hieroglyphics.



(Don't forget to send any pictures of your hieroglyphics to Miss Hung!)

Decoding

Now have a go at writing a message in hieroglyphics and ask someone in your household to try and decode your message to discover what you have written.

