

Text: Dorling Kindersley: Ancient Egypt

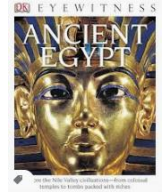
Ancient Egyptian writing <https://www.dfindout.com/uk/history/ancient-egypt/ancient-egyptian-writing/>

Year 3 Reading

(Day 4)

Focus: **Retrieval**

Read the section (preferably the online version as it has great visuals) about Egyptian hieroglyphs.



Check you can read and understand these words:

scribes	high positions in society	victories in battle	detailed records	symbols	religious ceremonies
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Activity:

Write a short sentence under each heading to show information retrieved from the text about Egyptian writing (hieroglyphs).

1. Scribes
2. Keeping Records
3. Gods and Writing



An ibis is an African bird that wades in water.



Thoth has an ibis head and was the god of wisdom.

Hieroglyphs

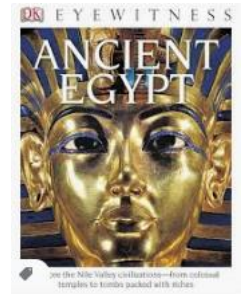




Steppingstone activity

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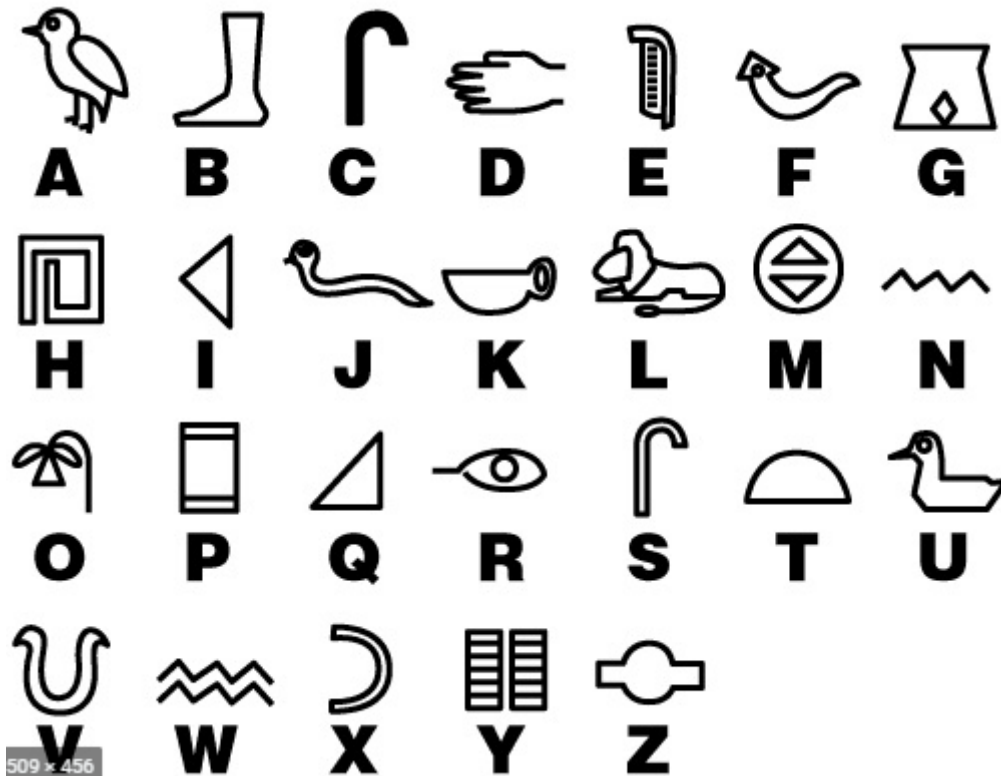
Try to look at the online book with an adult.

Click and explore the hieroglyphs (hi-ro-gliffs).

Task

Write your name in hieroglyphs.

ANCIENT EGYPT HIEROGLYPHICS



Ancient Egyptian writing



Reading and writing were important skills in Ancient Egypt, and were only learned by important and powerful people. Priests and scribes (record-keepers) held high positions in society and often helped pharaohs to make new laws. The Egyptians kept detailed records of everything from food stores to trade, land ownership, victories in battle, and religious ceremonies. These records tell us a lot about how they lived their lives.

The Egyptians believed writing was a gift from Thoth, the ibis-headed god of wisdom.

Hieroglyphs

Hieroglyphs

The Ancient Egyptians wrote using picture symbols called hieroglyphs. Each hieroglyph could represent a sound, a word, or an idea.

[Reading hieroglyphs >](#)

Tomb scene

















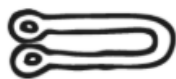








Tomb scene

Few Egyptians could read, so picture stories were often carved next to hieroglyphs. This picture shows the soul of the dead person receiving gifts from the living world. Anyone seeing the stone would understand it was a gravestone, even if they could not read the writing above.

Reading hieroglyphs

Ancient Egyptian writing used hundreds of picture symbols called hieroglyphs. These symbols could stand for letters, numbers, or whole words. Some symbols had more than one meaning, depending on how and where they were used. Hieroglyphs were used for important documents such as laws, religious texts, and carvings on tombs and monuments. There was another, simpler form of writing, called a demotic script, which was used for everyday records.

The word hieroglyph comes from Ancient Greek and means sacred symbol.

	Cows belly		Water		Arm		10
	Reed leaf		Hand		Vulture		100
	Snake		Owl		Door bolt		1,000
	Loaf of bread		Horned viper		Tethering rope		10,000
	Leg		Hill		Folded cloth		100,000
	Pot stand		Mat		Pond		