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Vocabulary

papyrus hieroglyphics hieroglyphs

language translate Rosetta

Greek Egyptian

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What do you think hieroglyphics are?







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Hieroglyphics are one of the earliest forms of writing.

Ancient Egyptians left pictures, writing and statues behind.

Hieroglyphics are important because they tell us about life in Ancient Egypt.

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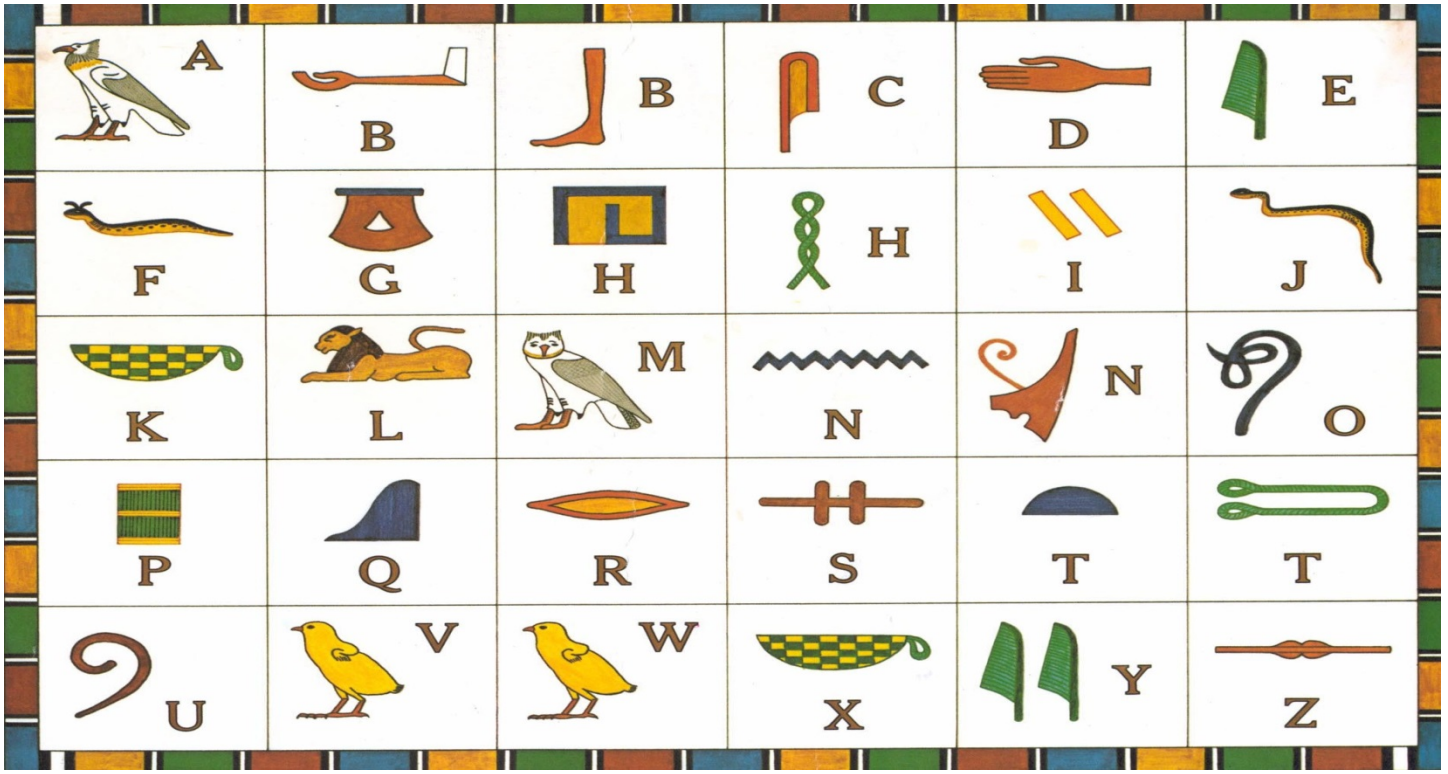
What do you think these tell us?







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What letters are missing? What is similar and what is different from the alphabet you are familiar with?

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This is the Rosetta Stone. It was dug up by French soldiers in 1799.

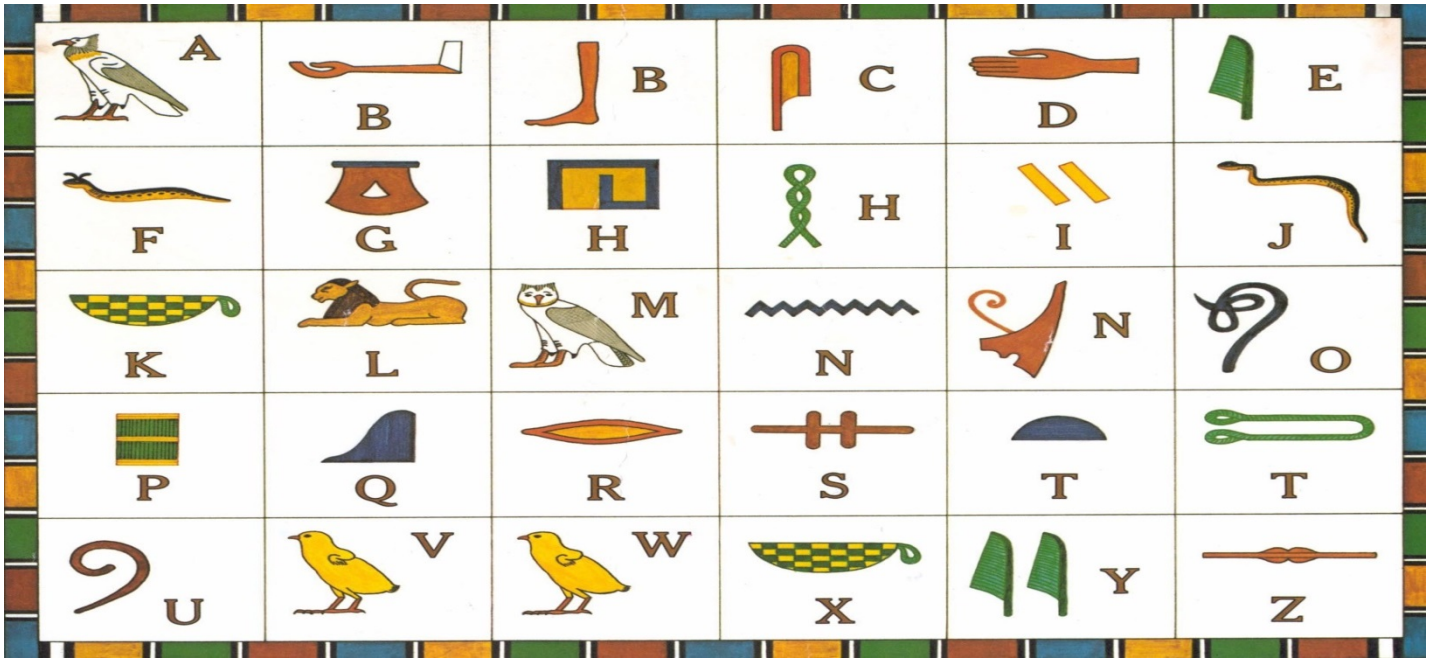
Archaeologists were able to translate Ancient Egyptian texts using the Rosetta Stone.

This told them about pharaohs and gods, the games Egyptians played and the food they liked to eat.

This is how we know so much about Ancient Egypt today. The stone had hieroglyphics and ancient Greek writing (that said the same thing) which meant that historians could translate the hieroglyphics for the first time. We couldn't read hieroglyphics before this!

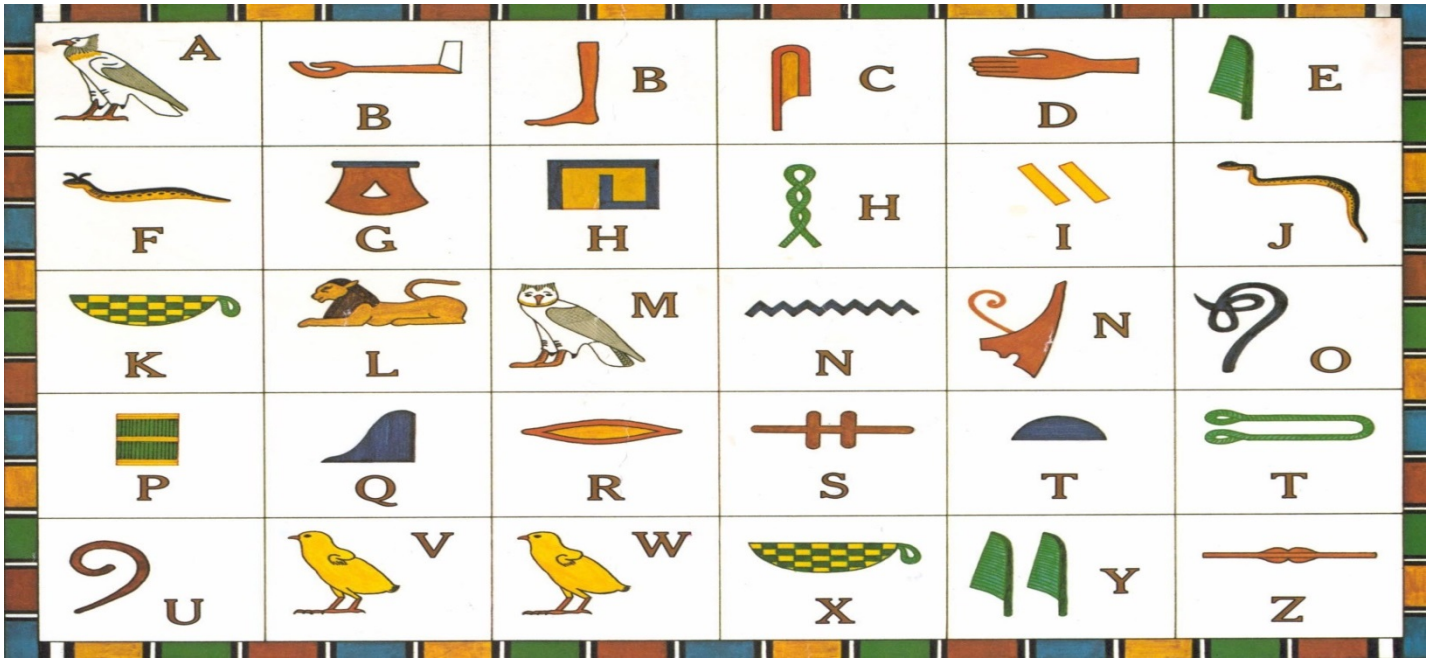


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Give yourself 5 minutes.
Have a go at writing your name in hieroglyphics in your book.

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In your books, finish this sentence:

Hieroglyphics are…
The Rosetta Stone is…
It is very important because…

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Discuss with someone at home…

Why was the discovery of the Rosetta Stone important?

