

Hieroglyphics

Ancient Egyptians had a complex and rich culture. They are known for a variety of accomplishments, among them was the development of a system of writing called hieroglyphics. For centuries, no one knew how to decipher the images used in hieroglyphics until a stone was discovered in a place called Rosetta that had three systems of writing. Anthropologists assumed the stone contained the same inscription written in three different languages. Therefore, they were able to discover how to read hieroglyphics. Try using hieroglyphics to make your own bookmark.



Kit Materials:

- Bag containing Papyrus paper and a ribbon
- Markers
- Hole punch (not in kit, optional)

Instructions:

1. Hieroglyphics are pictures and symbols that represent whole words or letter sounds. With an adult's permission, you can visit this website to see how your name or other words are translated. <https://lingojam.com/HieroglyphicsTranslator>
Try typing your whole name and then just type one or two letters at a time and see which picture represents which sound.
2. Papyrus is a plant that the Egyptians used for many different things including to make baskets, sandals, netting, boats, buoys, fuel and food. It was also used to make paper. If you have a piece of papyrus, look at it closely and you will be able to see actual fibers of the plant.
3. Decide what you want to write on your bookmark. Use the sheet below or the online hieroglyphics translator to figure out what images you should use to write it. Then copy the images onto your bookmark with markers. If you want, you can hole punch the top and put the ribbon through it.



Egyptian Hieroglyphic Symbols

There are over 750 Egyptian hieroglyphs. They represent symbols for specific items, as well as letters. These symbols have sounds that are the closest to the English alphabet.



A
vulture



B
foot



C, S, or Z
folded cloth



CH
tethering rope



D
hand



E or Y
two flowering reeds



F or V
horned viper



G
stand for jar



H
reed shelter



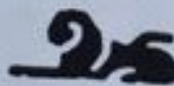
I or E
flowering reed



J or G
snake



K or C
basket with handle



L
lion



M
owl



N
water



O
lasso



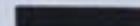
P
stool



Q
hill



R
mouth



SH
pool



T
loaf



U or W
quail chick