

## Lesson 1 (a) Coptic Letters similar to English Letters

Almost half the Coptic Alphabet is similar (in shape and some times phonetic expression) to the English Alphabet. Therefore, if you already know how to read English, you already 50% proficient in reading Coptic.

Let's first learn the letters that look and sound like English letters: (below is the shape of the letter, its name, its ASCII equivalent (developed by Copt-Net), and its pronunciation)

*Note: some pron. rules will be included but not all, to avoid confusion, for now.*

ASCII	Letter	Shape	Pron	ASCII	Letter	Shape	Pron
1. a	Alpha <i>(as in ART)</i>	Aa	A	2. B	Vita <i>(Vita is pron. B if it comes at the end of a word) (BELL) (VALVE)</i>	Bb	B, V
5. E	Ei <i>(As in BEST)</i>	Ee	E	7. Z	Zeta <i>(ZOO)</i>	Zz	Z
10. I	Yota <i>(SIT)</i>	Ii	I	11. K	Kabba <i>(LIKE)</i>	Kk	K
13. M	Me <i>(MOON)</i>	Mm	M	14. N	Ne <i>(NEAR)</i>	Nn	N
16. O	O <i>(COT)</i>	Oo	O	19. C	Sima <i>(CITY) (Sima is always pron. an S, never K)</i>	Cc	S
20. T	Tav <i>(TEST)</i>	Tt	T	25. W	Oou <i>(HOPE), (SOAP)</i>	Ww	Oa
<b>Now let's see the letters that look like English letters but are pron. differently</b>							
8. H	Eeta <i>(FEET)</i>	#3	ee	18. P	Ro <i>(ROAD)</i>	Rr	R
23. X	Khe	Xx <i>KH (ARABIC "KHIAR" Cucumber)</i>	SH (SHOWER)				

Now that you know 1/2 the Coptic Language, let's read some easy words using these letters:

Word	Word Meaning
Abba	Ava (father, as in bishop) "ANBA"
Taoc	TaOC Peacock
Carra	Sari (Abraham's wife)
`Cne	The city of Esna in Egypt
Cir	Well "ZEER"
Zaxaria	Zakaria
Bercim	Grass "Barseem"
Cwk	Close
K3k	Cake
Cina	The city of Sinai, Egypt
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