



esh is a Phoenician Alphabet letter and was what the early Semetic R letter was called. The letter meant "head" in ancient Semitic tongues and is thought to be the origin of the R character for many cultures. Resh fell in sequence similar to our current R in the alphabet falling after the Q letter and prior to T. In Phoenician the letter featured a simplistic shape with a triangle like polygon on top of a stem projected in a leftward direction due to the left to right writing system. This stylization of form resembled a head profile suggesting a head attached to a neck realizing the pictorial role the letter ventured to accomplish. Those who viewed the letter could make an association with "head" and the accompanying Resh and r sound.