



Hieroglyphs

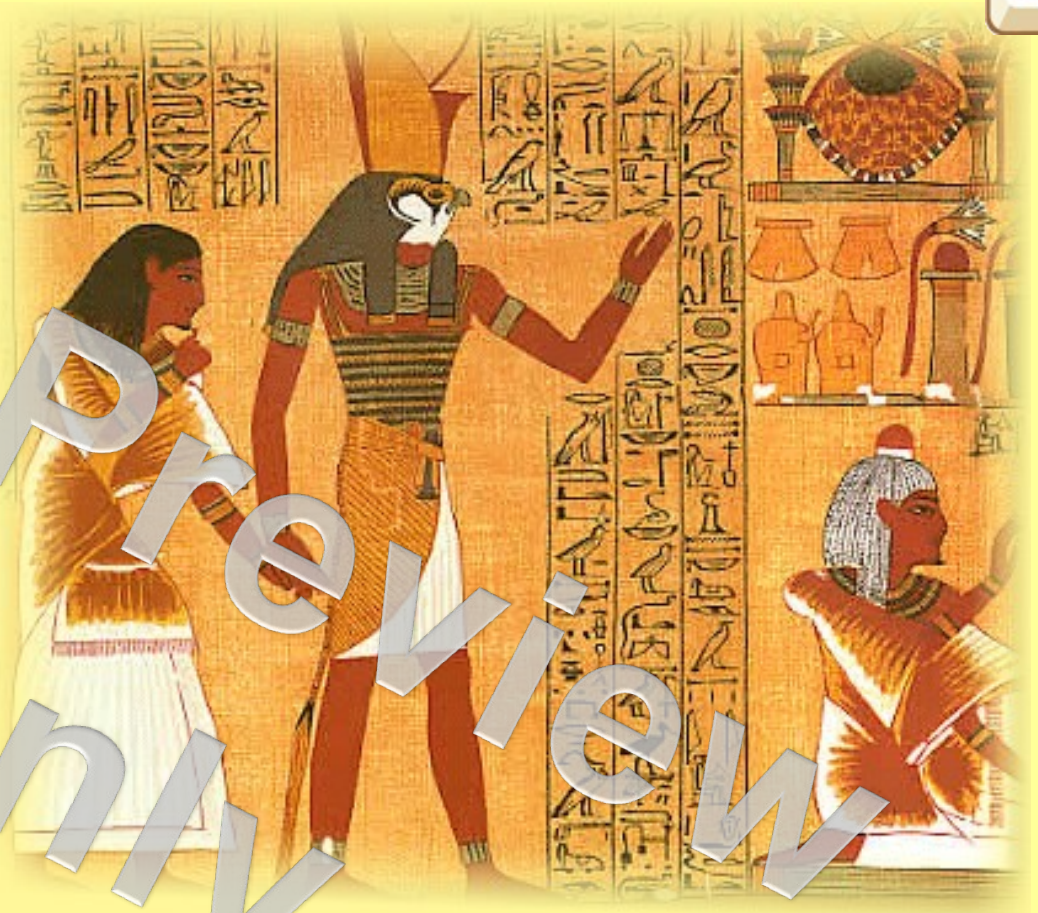
The ancient Egyptians believed that it was important to write down information. They wanted to communicate information about religion and government.

They invented written scripts that could be used to record this information. The written scripts were called **hieroglyphs**.





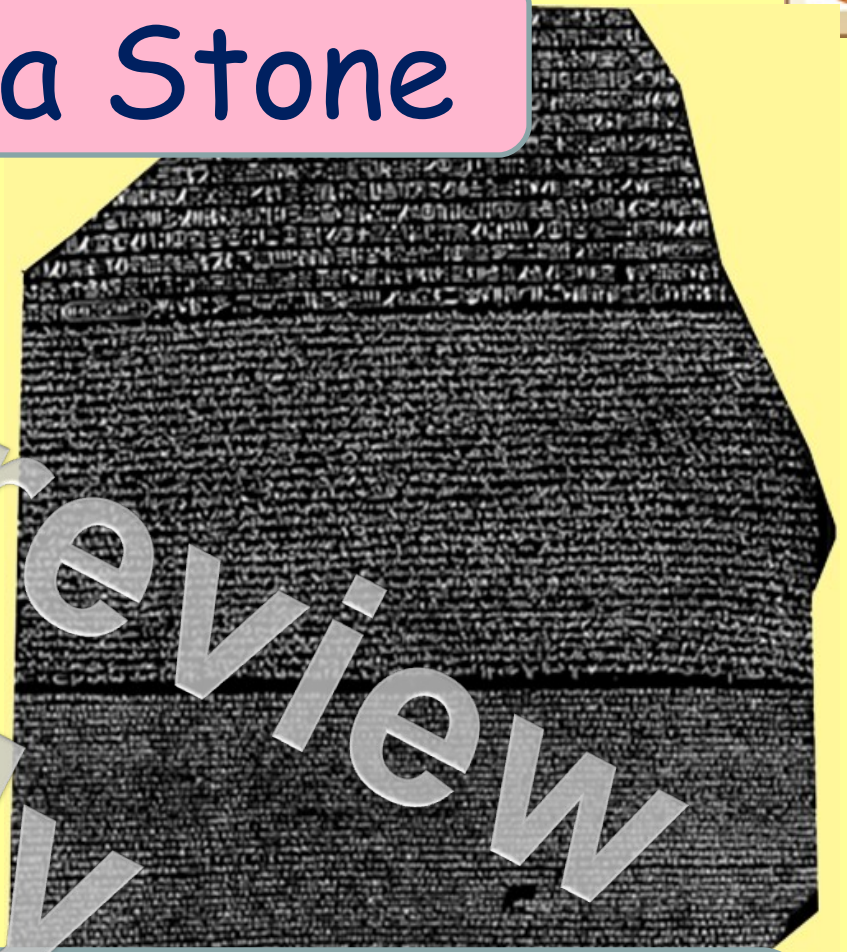
Hieroglyphs are pictures that represent words or parts of words. You see them on tombs and temples.



Hieroglyph means 'sacred carved'. The writing system was used from late in the 4th millennium BC until the 4th century AD.

The Rosetta Stone

Unfortunately no-one understood the hieroglyphics until about 200 years ago. This was because the **Rosetta Stone** wasn't discovered until 1799.



The Rosetta Stone is a stone with writing on it in two languages (Egyptian and Greek), using three scripts (hieroglyphic, demotic and Greek).



The hieroglyphic writing was translated into demotic, and then into Greek. The meaning of hieroglyphics could now be understood. The Rosetta Stone was originally carved in 196BC.


























Make Your Own Hieroglyphs



Sound	Example	Hieroglyph	Sound	Example	Hieroglyph
Short a	cat, bar		Long a	make	
B	baby		Soft C	nice	
Hard C	camel		Ch	cheese	
D	dog		Short E	pet	
Long E	bleach		F	fish	
Soft G	gym		Hard G	girl	
H	how		Short I	hid	
Long I	hide		J	jungle	
K	king		L	leaf	
M	mouse		N	now	



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Short O	dog		Long O	rose	
OO	food		OO	book	
P	push		QU	Queen	
R	red		Soft S	sit	
Sharp S	measure		Z-Like S	loser	
SH	sugar		T	tank	
TH	them		SHORT U	cup	
LONG U	rude		V	van	
W	water		X	fix	
Hard Y	yes		Vowel Y	Mary	
Vowel Y	gym		Z	zebra	