

Lesson Three
ΠΙΩΨ ἰμᾶε ρομτ

Coptic letters similar to English in shape only

Coptic	English	Pronunciation
ϸ* e.g. ϸο ϸε ϸι ϸᾶ	C	S as in see
*Ρ e.g. ϩο ϩε ϩι ϩᾶ	P	R as in road
*Η e.g. ϸΗ ϩΗ	H	ee as in feet
*Ϟ e.g. ϸϞ ϩϞ	W	O as in hope
*Β	B	B or V (will be explained in lesson 5)
*Ϻ	X	K or Sh or Kh (will be explained in Lesson 7)

N.B. The sign (*) indicates the starting point of writing the letter.

Read the following :

ϸΗ ϩΗ ϸϞ ϩϞ
Ηϸ Ηϩ Ϟϸ Ϟϩ

Notice the difference in pronunciation between the letters

(ϸ , Η), Letter (Η) takes double the time of letter (ϸ)

Also, notice the difference in pronunciation between the letters

(Ϟ , Ϟ), Letter (Ϟ) takes double the time of letter (Ϟ)

Then, we mention (Ϟτ) pronounced (ϸ ϸ) as in tool.

Now we know 13 letters which can be divided into two groups :

• Consonants : ϩ, ϸ, ϩ, ϸ, Ϟ, ϩ, Ϟ, ϩ

• Vowels : Ϟ, ϸ, ϩ, ϩ, Η, Ϟ

Read the following :

1. **Ⲡⲁ Ⲕⲁ Ⲓⲁ Ⲓⲁ ⲙⲁ Ⲓⲁ Ⲡⲁ**
2. **Ⲡⲉ Ⲕⲉ Ⲓⲉ Ⲓⲉ ⲙⲉ Ⲓⲉ Ⲡⲉ**
3. **Ⲡⲓ Ⲕⲓ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲓ ⲙⲓ Ⲓⲓ Ⲡⲓ**
4. **ⲠⲎ ⲔⲎ ⲒⲎ ⲒⲎ ⲙⲎ ⲒⲎ ⲠⲎ**
5. **Ⲡⲟ Ⲕⲟ Ⲓⲟ Ⲓⲟ ⲙⲟ Ⲓⲟ Ⲡⲟ**
6. **Ⲡⲱ Ⲕⲱ Ⲓⲱ Ⲓⲱ ⲙⲱ Ⲓⲱ Ⲡⲱ**
7. **Ⲡⲟⲩ Ⲕⲟⲩ Ⲓⲟⲩ Ⲓⲟⲩ ⲙⲟⲩ Ⲓⲟⲩ Ⲡⲟⲩ**

Reversing the order of the letters, we read :

1. **ⲠⲎ ⲠⲔ Ⲡⲕ Ⲡⲓ Ⲡⲓ Ⲡⲙ ⲠⲔ Ⲡⲡ**
2. **ⲒⲎ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲕ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲙ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲡ**
3. **ⲒⲎ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲕ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲙ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲡ**
4. **ⲒⲎ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲕ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲙ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲡ**
5. **ⲒⲎ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲕ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲙ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲡ**
6. **ⲒⲎ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲕ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲙ ⲒⲔ Ⲓⲡ**
7. **ⲒⲟⲩⲎ ⲒⲟⲩⲔ Ⲓⲟⲩⲕ Ⲓⲟⲩⲓ Ⲓⲟⲩⲓ Ⲓⲟⲩⲙ ⲒⲟⲩⲔ Ⲓⲟⲩⲡ**

Exercise :

1) Write the following names in Coptic :

Mina Amir Anthony Irene

2) Read, write and memorize the following words :

Ⲡⲟ	:	door
Ⲡⲱ	:	mouth
Ⲡⲓ	:	room
ⲠⲎ	:	sun
Ⲓⲟ	:	What?
ⲙⲟⲩ	:	death
Ⲓⲁ	:	side
Ⲓⲉ	:	sixty
ⲙⲎⲧ	:	ten

3) Read, write and memorize the following words :

ⲙⲒϢⲒ	:	give birth
ⲣⲁⲚ	:	name
Ϣⲙⲟⲩ	:	bless
Ϣⲱⲙⲁ	:	body
ⲟⲩⲣⲟ	:	king
ⲣⲱⲙⲓ	:	man, human being

Answers

Lesson 3 - Exercise (1)

ⲙⲏⲛⲁ ⲁⲙⲏⲣ ⲁⲛⲧⲟⲛⲓ ⲁⲓⲣⲏⲛ