

Lesson One
ΠΙΣΤΟΛΙΤ ΝΩΨ

Coptic letters which are similar to English letters in shape and pronunciation:

COPTIC LETTERS	ENGLISH LETTERS	PRONUNCIATION
Ⲛ	N	N
Ⲕ	K	K
Ⲧ	T	T
Ⲙ	Z	Z
Ⲑ	O	O

All letters in Coptic word are to be pronounced, i.e., there is no silent letter as in English or French.

Read the following:

ⲚⲐ ⲔⲐ ⲦⲐ ⲘⲐ
 ⲐⲚ ⲐⲔ ⲐⲦ ⲐⲘ

There are: Ⲑ̂ Small letters

Ⲑ̇ Capital letters which are usually similar in shape to the small letters but bigger in size.

The sign (*) indicates the starting point in writing the letters;

*Ⲛ *Ⲕ *Ⲧ *Ⲙ *Ⲑ

Memorize the following words:

ⲦⲐⲦ : hand ⲐⲚ : also
 ⲔⲐⲦ : circle

Exercise: Read the following syllables:

Ⲑ̂ ⲦⲐⲚ
 Ⲑ̇ ⲚⲐⲦ
 Ⲑ̂ ⲦⲐⲚⲔ
 Ⲑ̇ ⲔⲐⲚⲦ
 Ⲑ̂ ⲘⲐⲚⲦ
 Ⲑ̇ ⲔⲐⲚⲔ