

Lesson Two
Πιωψ ḡμαζ ḥνατ

Coptic letters similar to English letters in shape and pronunciation with slight modification of shape :

Coptic	English	Pronunciation
*ⲁ	a	ⲁ (as in car)
*ⲓ	i	ⲓ (as in machine) or ⲓ (as in yet)
ⲉ*	E	ⲉ (as in ten)
ⲙ	M	ⲙ (as in man)

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

✦ Read the following and notice the difference between

the letters (ⲓ , ⲉ) in pronunciation

ⲙⲉ ⲉⲙ
 ⲙⲓ ⲓⲙ
 ⲙⲁ ⲁⲙ

The Jinkim (Ⲁ) ΠΙϨΙΝΚΙⲙ

✦ It is a dot or a short line which is placed on the consonant.

It will be pronounced as if it is preceded by the letter (ⲉ).

e.g. Ⲁⲧ ⲀⲨ ⲀⲔ Ⲁⲙ Ⲁⲑ
 Pronunciation: et en ek em ez

when it is placed on a vowel, it will be pronounced separately.

✦ Read the following :

ⲀⲐ ⲔⲐ Ⲕⲉ Ⲕⲓ Ⲕⲁ
 ⲀⲒ ⲒⲐ Ⲓⲉ Ⲓⲓ Ⲓⲁ
 ⲀⲔ ⲔⲐ Ⲕⲉ Ⲕⲓ Ⲕⲁ
 ⲀⲖ ⲖⲐ Ⲗⲉ Ⲗⲓ Ⲗⲁ
 ⲀⲘ ⲘⲐ Ⲙⲉ Ⲙⲓ Ⲙⲁ

✦ Reversing the letters we'll read :

ê	OK	EK	IK	AK
ë	ON	EN	IN	AN
ì	Oϣ	Eϣ	Iϣ	Aϣ
í	OZ	EZ	IZ	AZ
î	Oυ	Eυ	Iυ	Aυ

Exercise:

→ Read, write and memorize the following words :

υλ	:	place
λN	:	not
NIυ	:	who
NEυ	:	and (used to join nouns)
λNOK	:	I
λNON	:	we
NI	:	Definite article (Plural feminine & masculine)
NE	:	Are (Plural feminine & masculine)
ϣE	:	Is (Singular, feminine)

□ Write the following in Coptic : **Mom - Monica**