

Lesson Three  
**ΠΙΩΨ ἰμᾶε ρομϯ**

Coptic letters similar to English in shape only

Coptic	English	Pronunciation
<b>ϸ*</b> e.g. ϸο ϸε ϸι ϸᾶ	C	S as in see
<b>*P</b> e.g. ϩο ϩε ϩι ϩᾶ	P	R as in road
<b>*H</b> e.g. ϸH ϩH	H	ee as in feet
<b>*Ϫ</b> e.g. ϸϪ ϩϪ	W	OU as in hope
<b>*B</b>	B	B or V ( will be explained in lesson 5)
<b>*ϫ</b>	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 :

**CH      PH      ϸϪ      ϩϪ**  
**HC      HP      Ϫϸ      Ϫϩ**

Notice the difference in pronunciation between the letters

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

Also, notice the difference in pronunciation between the letters

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

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

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

Ê Consonants :    H, K, ϯ, Ϫ, Ϫ, ϸ, P

Ë Vowels :      O, E, I, A, H, Ϫ

Read the following :

1. **Ⲛⲁ Ⲕⲁ Ⲙⲁ Ⲟⲁ ⲙⲁ Ⲓⲁ Ⲣⲁ**
2. **Ⲛⲉ Ⲕⲉ Ⲙⲉ Ⲟⲉ ⲙⲉ Ⲓⲉ Ⲣⲉ**
3. **Ⲛⲓ Ⲕⲓ Ⲙⲓ Ⲟⲓ ⲙⲓ Ⲓⲓ Ⲣⲓ**
4. **ⲚⲢ ⲔⲢ ⲘⲢ ⲞⲢ ⲙⲢ ⲒⲢ ⲢⲢ**
5. **Ⲛⲟ Ⲕⲟ Ⲙⲟ Ⲟⲟ ⲙⲟ Ⲓⲟ Ⲣⲟ**
6. **Ⲛⲱ Ⲕⲱ Ⲙⲱ Ⲟⲱ ⲙⲱ Ⲓⲱ Ⲣⲱ**
7. **Ⲛⲟⲩ Ⲕⲟⲩ Ⲙⲟⲩ Ⲟⲟⲩ ⲙⲟⲩ Ⲓⲟⲩ Ⲣⲟⲩ**

Reversing the order of the letters, we read :

1. **ⲁⲚ ⲁⲔ ⲁⲘ ⲁⲞ ⲁⲙ ⲁⲒ ⲁⲢ**
2. **ⲉⲚ ⲉⲔ ⲉⲘ ⲉⲞ ⲉⲙ ⲉⲒ ⲉⲢ**
3. **ⲓⲚ ⲓⲔ ⲓⲘ ⲓⲞ ⲓⲙ ⲓⲒ ⲓⲢ**
4. **ⲢⲚ ⲢⲔ ⲢⲘ ⲢⲞ Ⲣⲙ ⲢⲒ ⲢⲢ**
5. **ⲟⲚ ⲟⲔ ⲟⲘ ⲟⲞ ⲟⲙ ⲟⲒ ⲟⲢ**
6. **ⲱⲚ ⲱⲔ ⲱⲘ ⲱⲞ ⲱⲙ ⲱⲒ ⲱⲢ**
7. **ⲟⲩⲚ ⲟⲩⲔ ⲟⲩⲘ ⲟⲩⲞ ⲟⲩⲙ ⲟⲩⲒ ⲟⲩⲢ**

### Exercise :

1) Write the following names in Coptic :

**Mina Amir Anthony Irene**

2) Read, write and memorize the following words :

<b>Ⲣⲟ</b>	:	door
<b>Ⲣⲱ</b>	:	mouth
<b>Ⲣⲓ</b>	:	room
<b>ⲢⲢ</b>	:	sun
<b>ⲟⲩ</b>	:	What?
<b>ⲙⲟⲩ</b>	:	death
<b>Ⲓⲁ</b>	:	side
<b>Ⲓⲉ</b>	:	sixty
<b>ⲙⲢⲧ</b>	:	ten

3) Read, write and memorize the following words :

<b>μΙCΙ</b>	:	give birth
<b>ρᾶN</b>	:	name
<b>CμOY:</b>		bless
<b>Cωμᾶ</b>	:	body
<b>οYρO</b>	:	king
<b>ρωμI:</b>		man, human being