

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

Ⲑ̄ 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
 Ⲑ̄ ⲚⲐⲧ
 Ⲑ̂ ⲧⲐⲚⲕ
 Ⲑ̄ ⲕⲐⲚⲧ
 Ⲑ̂ ⲘⲐⲚⲧ
 Ⲑ̄ ⲕⲐⲧⲕ