

Lesson One  
**ΠΙΣΟΝΙΤ ΝΩΦ**

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

COPTIC LETTERS	ENGLISH LETTERS	PRONUNCIATION
<b>Ⲛ</b>	<b>N</b>	N
<b>Ⲕ</b>	<b>K</b>	K
<b>Ⲧ</b>	<b>T</b>	T
<b>Ⲙ</b>	<b>Z</b>	Z
<b>Ⲑ</b>	<b>O</b>	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: Small letters

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:

1. **ⲦⲐⲚ**
2. **ⲚⲐⲦ**
3. **ⲦⲐⲚⲔ**
4. **ⲔⲐⲚⲦ**
5. **ⲘⲐⲚⲦ**
6. **ⲔⲐⲦⲔ**