

Lesson Two
Πρω ἕμᾶρ ἕνα

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

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

ⲙᾶ ᾶⲙ

The Jinkim (Ⲁ) ΠΙΧΙΝΚΙⲙ

✚ 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. ⲥ̣ⲧ ⲥ̣ⲛ ⲥ̣ⲕ ⲥ̣ⲙ ⲥ̣ⲑ
Pronunciation: et en ek em ez

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

✚ Read the following :

1. **ⲕⲐ** **ⲕⲉ** **ⲕⲓ** **ⲕᾶ**
2. **ⲛⲐ** **ⲛⲉ** **ⲛⲓ** **ⲛᾶ**
3. **ⲧⲐ** **ⲧⲉ** **ⲧⲓ** **ⲧᾶ**
4. **ⲑⲐ** **ⲑⲉ** **ⲑⲓ** **ⲑᾶ**
5. **ⲙⲐ** **ⲙⲉ** **ⲙⲓ** **ⲙᾶ**

✚ Reversing the letters we'll read:

1.	OK	EK	IK	AK
2.	ON	EN	IN	AN
3.	OϢ	EϢ	IϢ	AϢ
4.	OZ	EZ	IZ	AZ
5.	OⲘ	EⲘ	IⲘ	AⲘ

Exercise:

Read, write and memorize the following words :

Ⲙⲁ	:	place
ⲁⲚ	:	not
ⲚⲓⲘ	:	who
ⲚⲈⲘ	:	and (used to join nouns)
ⲁⲚⲐⲚ	:	I
ⲁⲚⲐⲚ	:	we
Ⲛⲓ	:	Definite article (Plural feminine & masculine)
ⲚⲈ	:	Are (Plural feminine & masculine)
ϣⲈ	:	Is (Singular, feminine)

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