

HIEROGLYPHICS SOUND KEY

A simplified classroom guide for writing modern names

Ancient Egyptian writing does not match the English alphabet exactly.

Use the closest sound in your name. This key is a child-friendly approximation for learning.

A  vulture	B  foot	C  basket / K	D  hand	E  reed / long E
F  horned viper	G  jar stand	H  shelter	I  reed leaf	J  cobra / J
K  basket	L  lion	M  owl	N  water	O  lasso / O
P  stool	Q  hill / Q	R  mouth	S  folded cloth	T  bread loaf
U  quail / U	V  viper / V	W  quail chick	X  K + S	Y  two reeds
Z  door bolt				

Tip: Say your name slowly. Write the signs for the sounds you hear.

DESIGN YOUR OWN CARTOUCHE

Write Your Name in Hieroglyphics

My name: _____

1. Break your name into sounds

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2. Sketch the matching signs inside your cartouche



Decorate the border with Egyptian-inspired colours and patterns.

3. Think like a historian

Why did names matter to ancient Egyptian rulers?

Use with: Ancient Egypt Crafts and Activities for Elementary Students