

## Year 3 and 4 Home Learning

### History Week 4

#### Monday

Lets find out some Historical events during Ancient Egyptians times...

What were hieroglyphics? If you have access to the internet, please type in ..

'What are hieroglyphics for kids' or 'What are hieroglyphics KS2' to find out for yourself.

If not, the answer is on the next page...

**Hieroglyphs** (or **Hieroglyphics**) are a type of [writing](#) which use [symbols](#) or [pictures](#) to stand for [sounds](#) and [words](#). The [Egyptians](#), [Luwians](#) and [Mayan](#) cultures are among those who used hieroglyphs. They have also been found in [Turkey](#), [Crete](#), [United States](#) and [Canada](#). They are thought to have started when pictures were used to tell stories on pots and other artwork. Over time they became letters. The word *hieroglyph* comes from the Greek words *ἱερός* (*hierós* 'sacred') and *γλύφειν* (*glúphein* 'to carve' or 'to write'), and was first used to mean the Egyptian hieroglyphs. The [Greeks](#) who came to Egypt saw the picture letters which were often found carved on [house](#) walls, [tombs](#), and [monuments](#).

Ancient Egyptians used pictures to make a [phonetic alphabet](#), so that each sound could be written with a picture-word, a *phonogram* or *pictograph*. For example, a zig-zag for [water](#)



came to mean the letter "n", because the Egyptian word for water started with n. This same picture became our letter 'M' in the [Latin alphabet](#), because the Semitic word for water started with m, and Semitic workers changed the symbols to fit sounds in their own language. In the same way, our Latin letter 'N' came from the hieroglyph for [snake](#)



as the word for "snake" started with n in Semitic. In Egyptian, this picture had stood for a sound like English "J" because of their word for snake. Some pictures came to represent ideas, and these are known as *ideograms*.

The Egyptians used between 700 or 800 pictures, or glyphs. They were written from right to left, and from top to bottom. They did not use punctuation.

## History

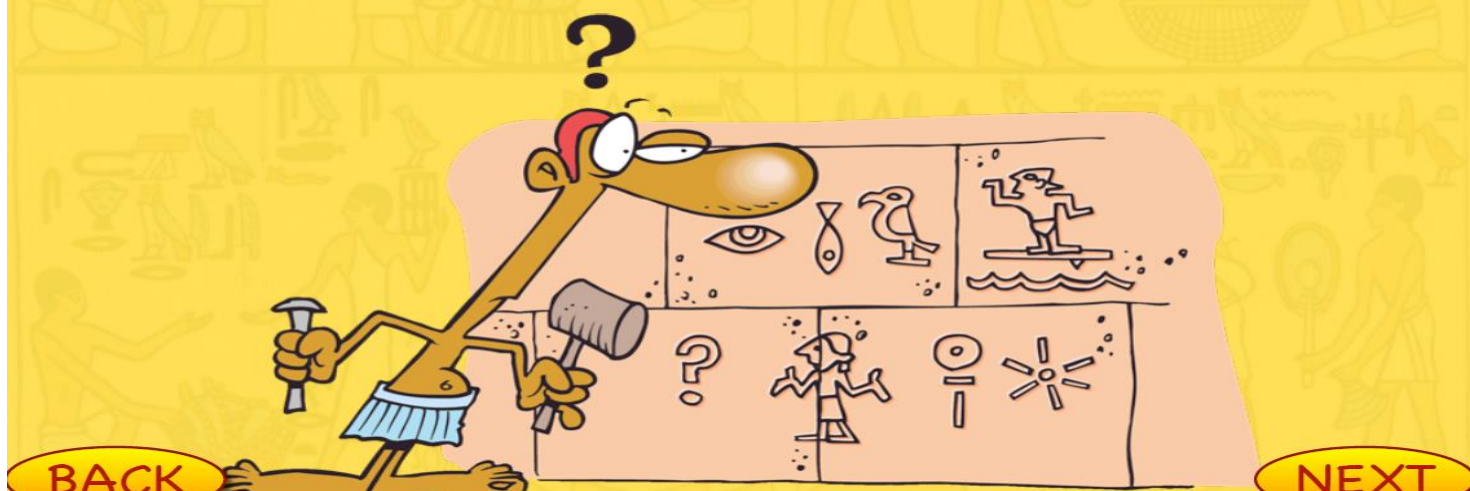
[Archaeologists](#) believe that the Egyptians began using hieroglyphs about 3300 or 3200 BC. They were in use for more than 3,500 years. Most Egyptians did not write in hieroglyphs, it was only the [nobles](#), [priests](#) and government official who used them. They were hard to learn and took a long time to write. People stopped using hieroglyphs when [Christianity](#) took hold in Egypt. Writing in hieroglyphs grew more rare with the last known inscription made in 396 BCE. Hieroglyphs, like [Japanese](#) or [Chinese](#) characters, started out as ideographic characters, or writing made of pictures. This ancient writing has no [vowels](#): all sounds in the writing are

consonants. Of course, they used vowels when they spoke; we have to work out what they were

The activities are set out into **Bronze**, **Silver** (most children do this) and **Gold** (those who want a challenge)

How many words can you make from these letters?

# HIEROGLYPHICS



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Write them in your book...

# HIEROGLYPHICS

How many did you find? Did you get these ones?

CHIP

CHIPS

SHIP

SHORE

SHIRE

HIRE

HIRES

HIP

HIPS

LIP

LIPS

SLIP

ROLE

ROLES

POLE

POLES

YORE

CORE

CORES

GROPE

GRIPE

CLIP

CLIPS

RICH

RICHES

CHORE

CHORES

PORES

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How many words can you make from these letters?

# SARCOPHAGUS



Write them in your book...



# SARCOPHAGUS

How many did you find? Did you get these ones?

HAG

HAGS

CRASS

PUSS

HUG

HUGS

SHRUG

CROP

CROPS

ARC

ARCS

CORPS

ROACH

SAG

SAGS

HOP

HOPS

SHOP

SHOPS

SHARP

HARP

HARPS

GAP

GAPS

SAP

SAPS

CRAG

CROSS



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How many words can you make from these letters?

# RIVER NILE



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# RIVER NILE

How many did you find? Did you get these ones?

RIVER

VILE

LIVE

LIVEN

REVILE

RILE

ERR

NIL

LINE

LINER

VINE

NEVER



That one was tricky!

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How many words can you make from these letters?

# MUMMIFICATION



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# MUMMIFICATION

How many did you find? Did you get these ones?

MUM	CAT	FIT	FAT	MAT	COT
CAN'T	MINT	HOPS	SHOP	MAN	FUN
MIMIC	NOT	MINIMUM	FICTION	FACTION	
FIN	INTO	IF	AT	IN	COAT
COMMA	TACO	COIN	ICON		



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Can you use the code to solve the number problems below? You don't need to answer in hieroglyphics!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

$$\text{Dog} + \text{Vase} =$$

$$\text{Hook} - \text{Line} =$$

$$\text{Snake} + \text{Leg} =$$

$$\text{Bowl} \times \text{Line} =$$

$$\text{Snake} \times \text{Leg} =$$

$$\text{Hand} \times \text{Square} =$$

$$\text{Staff} \times \text{Vase} =$$

$$\text{Leg} \times \text{Hook} =$$

$$\text{Square} + \text{Vase} =$$



Can you crack the Hieroglyphics codes?

Bronze



Can you crack this code to find out the names of some ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



# Silver



Can you crack this code to find out the names of some ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

What can you find out about each of these ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses?



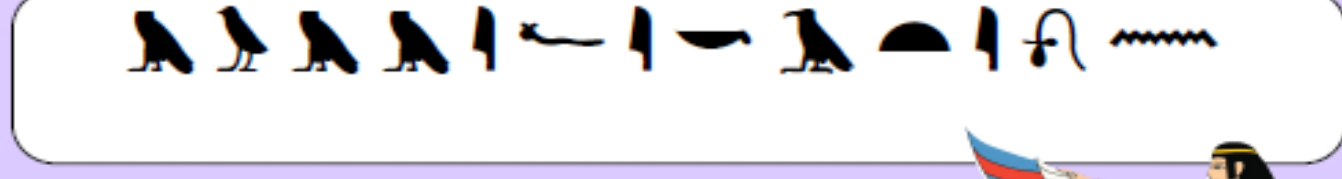
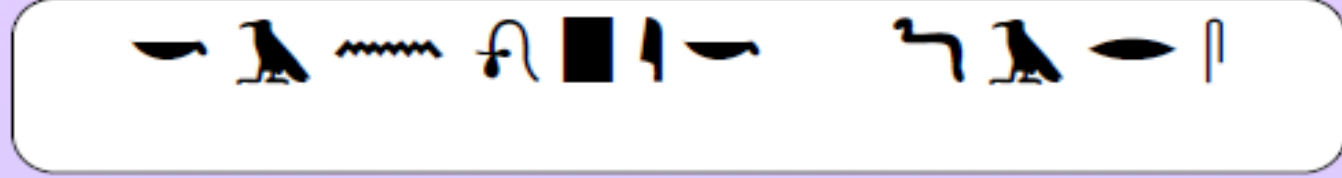
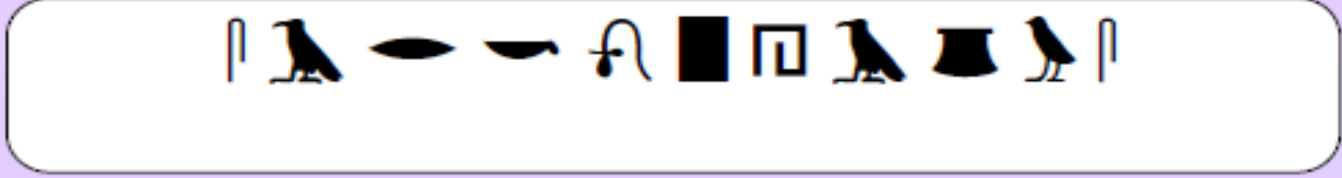
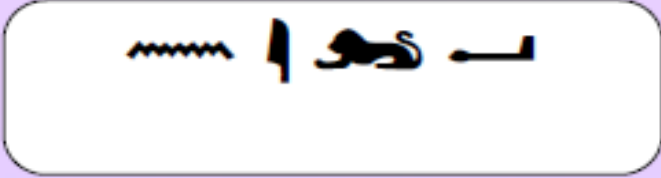
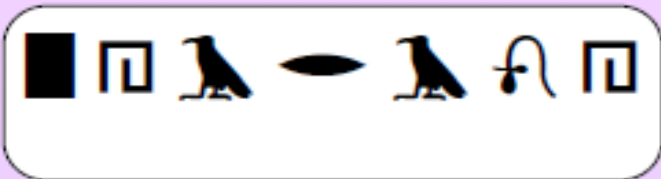
# Gold



Can you crack this code to reveal different words relating to ancient Egypt?



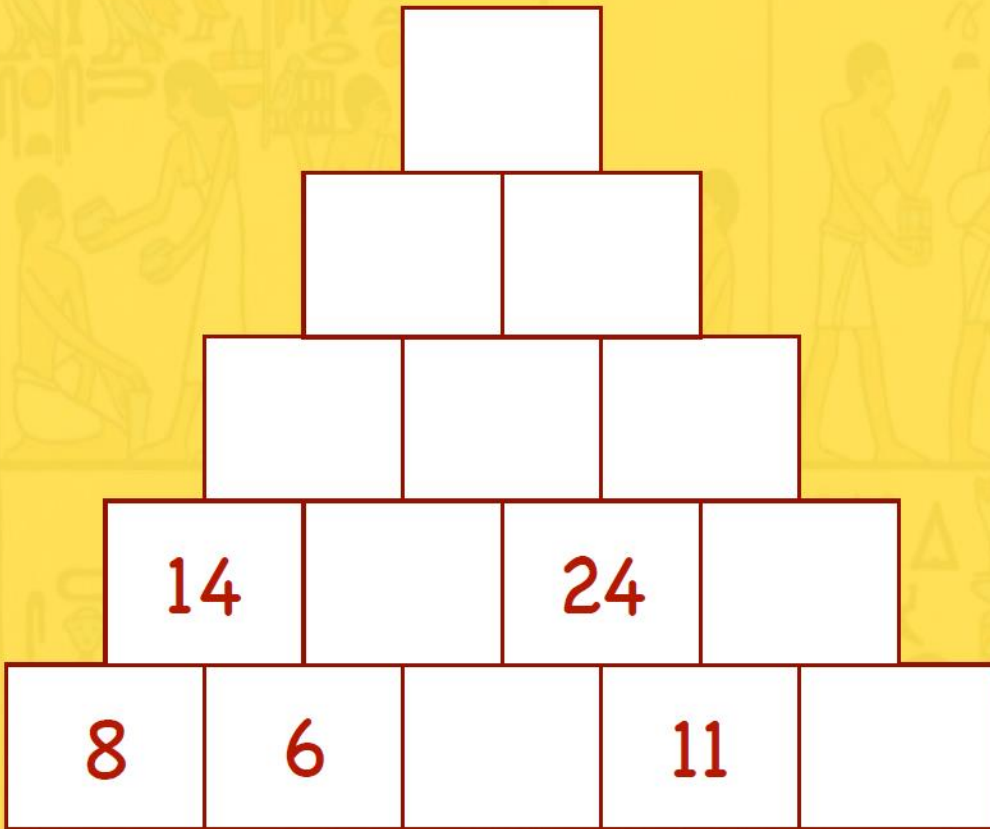
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



What other words relating to ancient Egypt can you think of? See if you can write them in hieroglyphs!



## Extra Challenge



Each pair of blocks in this pyramid adds up to the block directly above it. Can you work out what the missing blocks are?

