

Lesson Two
Πρω ἄμαρ ἕνα

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

Coptic	English	Pronunciation
*ⲁ	a	≅ (as in car)
*ⲓ	I	ī (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
 ⲙⲁ ⲁⲙ

The Jinkim (˘) 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 Ⲉ̣ⲛ Ⲉ̣ⲕ Ⲉ̣ⲙ Ⲉ̣ⲑ
Pronunciation: et en ek em ez

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

Read the following :

KO	KE	KI	KΔ
NO	NE	NI	NΔ
TO	TE	TI	TΔ
ZO	ZE	ZI	ZΔ
UO	UE	UI	UΔ

Reversing the letters we'll read :

OK	EK	IK	ΔK
ON	EN	IN	ΔN
OT	ET	IT	ΔT
OZ	EZ	IZ	ΔZ
OY	EY	IY	ΔY

Exercise:

Read, write and memorize the following words :

- UΔ** : place
- ΔN** : not
- NIU** : who
- NEU** : and (used to join nouns)
- ΔNOK** : I
- ΔNON** : we
- NI** : Definite article (Plural feminine & masculine)
- NE** : Are (Plural feminine & masculine)
- TE** : Is (Singular, feminine)

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