

Lesson Three
Πρω ἀμαρ ψουτ

Coptic letters similar to English in shape only

Coptic	English	Pronunciation
Ϣ* e.g. ϢϠ ϢϢ Ϣⲓ Ϣⲁ	C	S as in see
*Ϥ e.g. ϤϠ ϤϢ Ϥⲓ Ϥⲁ	P	R as in road
*Ϩ e.g. ϢϨ ϤϨ	H	ee as in feet
*Ϭ e.g. ϢϬ ϤϬ	W	OU as in hope
*Ϣ	B	B or V (will be explained in lesson 5)
*Ϩ	X	K or Sh or Kh (will be explained in Lesson 7)

N.B. The sign (*) indicates the starting point of writing the letter.

Read the following :

ϢϨ ϤϨ ϢϬ ϤϬ
ϨϢ ϨϤ ϬϢ ϬϤ

Notice the difference in pronunciation between the letters

(Ϣ , Ϩ), Letter (Ϩ) takes double the time of letter (Ϣ)

Also, notice the difference in pronunciation between the letters

(Ϡ , Ϭ), Letter (Ϭ) takes double the time of letter (Ϡ)

Then, we mention **(OṚ)** pronounced **(OU)** as in tool.

Now we know 13 letters which can be divided into two groups :

Consonants : Ṅ, Ḳ, Ṣ, Ṣ, Ṟ, Ḡ, Ṗ

Vowels : O, E, I, A, H, W

Read the following :

1. ṄḶ ḲḶ ṢḶ ṢḶ ṞḶ ḠḶ ṖḶ
2. ṄE ḲE ṢE ṢE ṞE ḠE ṖE
3. ṄI ḲI ṢI ṢI ṞI ḠI ṖI
4. ṄH ḲH ṢH ṢH ṞH ḠH ṖH
5. ṄO ḲO ṢO ṢO ṞO ḠO ṖO
6. ṄW ḲW ṢW ṢW ṞW ḠW ṖW
7. ṄOṚ ḲOṚ ṢOṚ ṢOṚ ṞOṚ ḠOṚ ṖOṚ

Reversing the order of the letters, we read :

1. ḶṄ ḶḲ ḶṢ ḶṢ ḶṞ ḶḠ ḶṖ
2. EṄ EK ET EZ EU EC EP
3. IṄ IK IT IZ IU IC IP
4. HṄ HK HT HZ HU HC HP
5. OṄ OK OT OZ OU OC OP
6. WṄ WK WT WZ WU WC WP

7. **ⲠⲚ ⲠⲚⲔ ⲠⲚⲧ ⲠⲚⲀ ⲠⲚⲙ ⲠⲚⲥ ⲠⲚⲡ**

Exercise :

1) Write the following names in Coptic :

Ⲡⲓⲛⲁ Ⲡⲓⲙⲓⲣ Ⲡⲓⲛⲓⲓⲥⲁⲛⲓ Ⲡⲓⲣⲛⲉ

2) Read, write and memorize the following words :

Ⲡⲟ : door
Ⲡⲱ : mouth
Ⲡⲓ : room
ⲠⲎ : sun
ⲠⲚ : What?
ⲙⲟⲚ : death
Ⲓⲁ : side
Ⲓⲉ : sixty
ⲙⲎⲧ : ten

3) Read, write and memorize the following words :

ⲙⲓⲒⲓ : give birth
ⲡⲁⲛ : name
ⲒⲙⲟⲚ : bless
Ⲓⲱⲙⲁ : body
ⲟⲚⲣⲟ : king
ⲡⲱⲙⲓ : man, human being