

Egyptian Hieroglyphic Words Card Game

Instructions:

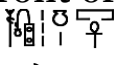
One person picks up a card from the pile and shows it to the players, showing the side with just the hieroglyphic on it. He pronounces the Egyptian word.

The players try to guess the meaning of the word.

If nobody is able to guess the word, then the person showing the card begins to provide clues to the meaning of the word.

The first player to call out the correct meaning of the word is given that card.

The player with the most cards, either after all the Hieroglyphic cards have been used or after a set length of time, is the winner.


(The glyph on the front of the box, *seshu nu per ankh* , means *hieroglyphic writing*.)

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Reading Egyptian Hieroglyphics

There are 3 possible parts of any Egyptian Hieroglyphic: Phonetic, Logographic, and Determinant. Any Hieroglyph can contain one, two, or all three of them.

Phonetic elements show either individual letters, an entire syllable, or it can express the whole word by showing a homophone of the word.

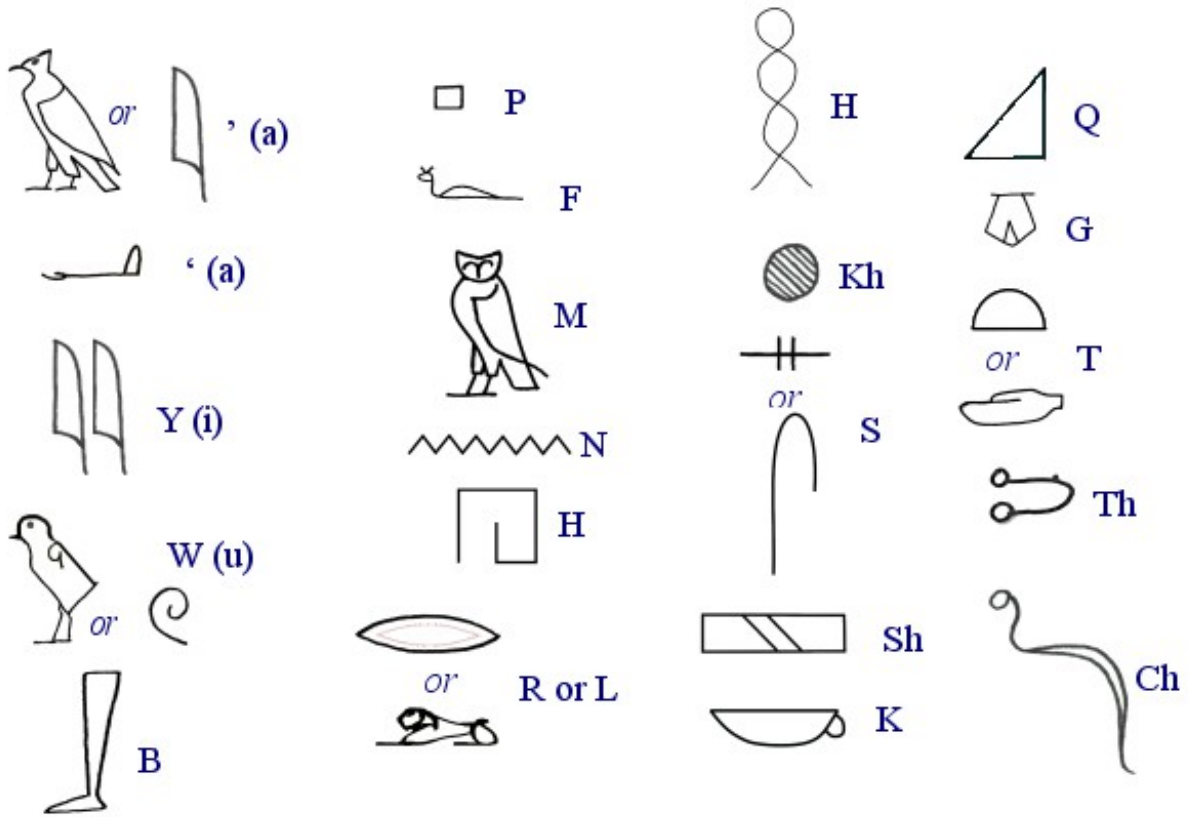
The Egyptian alphabet had only consonants (they can sometimes function like long vowels, like “y”, “w”, and a non-English letter which can be “a”). Because of this, the exact pronunciation of any Egyptian word is unknowable. Any pronunciation will only be guesses at vowel sounds and positions. For instance, the Egyptian word for “god”, “*neter*” , might have been pronounced “*nitra*”, or “*notor*”, or “*natur*”. All anybody knows is that it had the consonants “*ntr*”.

Logographic elements are pictures of what the word is.

Determinants show the category of the word. For instance, a picture of legs can show that the word has to do with walking or travel, a picture of a person pointing to his mouth can show that the word means something that is done with the mouth, or a picture of water can show that the word has something to do with liquid.

All the cards in this set contain at least 2 of those 3 elements; many contain all 3 of them.

Some Egyptian Hieroglyphic Alphabetic Glyphs



A few common Determinants

