# Coptic

**Our Lord spent about 4 years in Egypt as a baby. He spoke to the people in Egypt in their language, which was the Coptic language at that time.**

## THE COPTIC ALPHABET

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Ⲁ ⲁ Alpha A | Ⲃ ⲃ Veeta B, V | Ⲅ ⲅ Gamma G, N, Gh | Ⲇ ⲇ Delta D, Th (the) | |
| Ⲉ ⲉ Eyy E | ϭ Number 6 So-oo Not a true letter The number 6 | Ⲍ ⲍ Zeeta Z | Ⲏ ⲏ Eeta EE | Ⲑ ⲑ Theeta TH (think), T | Ⲓ ⲓ Yota I, Y |
| Ⲕ ⲕ Kappa K | Ⲗ ⲗ Lavla L | Ⲙ ⲙ Mey M | Ⲛ ⲛ Ney N | Ⲝ ⲝ Eksee KS | Ⲟ ⲟ O O |
| Ⲡ ⲡ Pee P | Ⲣ ⲣ ro R | Ⲥ ⲥ seema S - Z | Ⲧ ⲧ tav T | Ⲩ ⲩ Epsilon V, I, (oo) | Ⲫ ⲫ Fey F |
| Ⲭ ⲭ Key K, Kh,Sh | Ⲯ ⲯ Epsee PS | Ⲱ ⲱ Oo Oo | Ϣ ϣ Shai SH | Ϥ ϥ Fai F | Ϧ ϧ Khai KH |
| | Ϩ ϩ Hori H | Ϫ ϫ Ganga G, J | Ϭ ϭ Cheema CH | Ϯ ϯ Tee Tee | |

The Coptic Alphabet has 32 letters

- 24 consonants
- 7 vowels (ⲁ ⲉ ⲏ ⲓ ⲟ ⲩ ⲱ)
- 1 letter used only as a number (ϭ)



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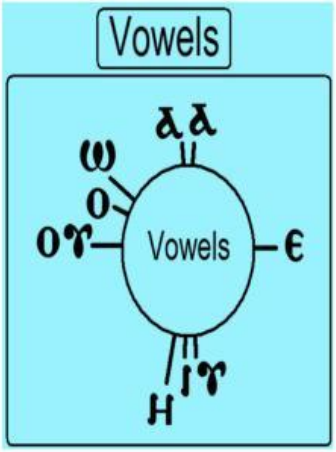
# Pronunciation




## Some Consonants

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ⲛ | ⲕ | ⲧ | ⲥ | ⲫ | ⲣ | ⲍ |
| n | k | t | s | f | r | z |

Practice

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ⲫⲁⲣ | ⲫⲉⲣ | ⲫⲓⲣ | ⲫⲩⲣ |
| ⲫⲱⲣ | ⲫⲟⲩⲣ | ⲫⲏⲣ | ⲫⲟⲣ |
| ⲕⲉⲧ | ⲕⲁⲧ | ⲕⲟⲩⲧ | ⲣⲉⲫ |
| ⲣⲁⲛ | ⲍⲁⲕ | ⲍⲏⲕ | ⲛⲟⲩⲛ |

Practice

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|---|---|---|---|
| ⲧⲟⲩⲛ | ⲥⲏⲛ | ⲛⲱ | ⲛⲟ |
| ⲥⲁⲧ | ⲕⲁⲧ | ⲍⲉⲛ | ⲫⲉⲧ |
| ⲫⲏⲧ | ⲫⲁⲧ | ⲫⲟⲩ | ⲧⲁ |
| ⲫⲓⲛ | ⲥⲓⲛ | ⲛⲁⲥ | ⲣⲓⲥ |



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## Practice

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|---|---|---|---|
| ⲛⲁⲣ | ⲛⲟⲩⲣ | ⲣⲟⲩϥ | ⲣⲉⲛ |
| ϫⲏⲣ | ⲣⲁⲥ | ⲣⲉⲥ | ⲣⲟⲩⲥ |
| ⲣⲏⲥ | ⲣⲱⲥ | ⲥⲁϯⲉⲕ | ⲛⲁⲛⲉ |
| ϫⲱⲣ | ϫⲟⲩⲣ | ⲥⲟⲩ | ⲥⲟⲩⲥⲟⲩ |

## Jinkim ̀

When placed over a letter, it makes this letter **a separate syllable**.

When placed over **a consonant**, The letter will be pronounced as if there is an "e" before it.

ⲛ̀ will be pronounced "en"
ϥ̀ will be pronounced "ef"

When placed over **a vowel**, the vowel will retain its pronunciation but as a separate syllable.

ⲁϥ̀
ⲑⲉⲟ̀ϯⲟⲕⲟⲥ
ⲛ̀ϯⲉ
ⲥ̀ⲙⲟⲩ
ⲣⲉⲙⲛ̀ϫⲏⲙⲓ
ⲉ̀ⲡⲓⲥⲕⲟⲡⲟⲥ
ⲱ̀ⲟⲩ



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| | |
|---|---|
| ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ | hi |
| ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ ⲡⲉⲛⲛⲏⲃ | Hi Sayedna |
| ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ ⲡⲉⲛⲓⲱⲧ | Hi Abouna |
| ⲟⲩϫⲁⲓ | Bye |
| ⲟⲩϫⲁⲓ ϧⲉⲛ ⲡ̀ⲃⲟⲓⲥ | Bye (in the Lord) |

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| ϧⲉⲛ ⲫ̀ⲣⲁⲛ ⲙ̀ⲫ̀ⲓⲱⲧ | In the Name of the Father |
| ⲛⲉⲙ ⲡ̀ϣⲏⲣⲓ | and the Son |
| ⲛⲉⲙ ⲡⲓⲡ̀ⲛⲉⲩⲙⲁ ⲉⲑⲟⲩⲁⲃ | and the Holy Spirit |
| ⲟⲩⲛⲟⲩϯ ⲛ̀ⲟⲩⲱⲧ ⲁ̀ⲙⲏⲛ | One God Amen |

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|---|---|
| ⲁϣ ⲡⲉ ⲡⲉⲕⲣⲁⲛ ? | What is your name ? |

| | |
|---|---|
| ⲁϣ ⲡⲉ ⲡⲉⲣⲁⲛ ? | What is your name ? |

ⲡⲁⲣⲁⲛ ⲡⲉ .. My name is

| | |
|---|---|
| ⲛⲁⲛⲉ ϯⲟⲟⲩⲓ | Good morning |
| ⲛⲁⲛⲉ ⲣⲟⲩϩⲓ | Good evening |
| ⲛⲟϥⲣⲓ ⲉ̀ϩⲟⲟⲩ | Good day |
| ⲛⲟϥⲣⲓ ⲉ̀ϫⲱⲣϩ | Good night |



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# My Family (1)

| | |
|---|---|
| ⲡⲁⲓⲱⲧ | My father |
| ⲧⲁⲙⲁⲩ | My mother |
| ⲡⲁⲥⲟⲛ | My brother |
| ⲧⲁⲥⲱⲛⲓ | My sister |

ⲙ̀ⲙⲉⲛⲣⲓⲧ The beloved

# My Family (2)

| | |
|---|---|
| ⲡⲁϣⲏⲣⲓ | My son |
| ⲧⲁϣⲉⲣⲓ | My daughter |
| ⲡⲁϩⲁⲓ | My husband |
| ⲧⲁⲥ̀ϩⲓⲙⲓ | My wife |



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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ | Hi | | |
| ⲟⲩϫⲁⲓ | Bye | ⲡⲁⲓⲱⲧ | My Father |
| ⲛⲁⲛⲉ ⲧⲟⲟⲩⲓ | Good Morning | ⲧⲁⲙⲁⲩ | My mother |
| ⲛⲁⲛⲉ ⲣⲟⲩϩⲓ | Good Evening | ⲡⲉⲛⲛⲏϧ | Sayedna |
| ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ ⲉ̀ϩⲟⲟⲩ | Good day | ⲡⲉⲛⲓⲱⲧ | Abouna |
| ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ ⲉ̀ϫⲱⲣϩ | Good night | | |

ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ ⲡⲉⲛⲛⲏϧ ⲙ̀ⲙⲉⲛⲣⲓⲧ

ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ ⲧⲁⲙⲁⲩ ⲙ̀ⲙⲉⲛⲣⲓⲧ

ⲟⲩϫⲁⲓ ⲡⲁⲓⲱⲧ ⲙ̀ⲙⲉⲛⲣⲓⲧ

ⲟⲩϫⲁⲓ ⲡⲁϩⲁⲓ ⲙ̀ⲙⲉⲛⲣⲓⲧ

ⲛⲁⲛⲉ ⲣⲟⲩϩⲓ ⲧⲁϩⲱⲛⲓ ⲙ̀ⲙⲉⲛⲣⲓⲧ



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| Indefinite article (**a, an**) | |
|---|---|
| Masculine | ⲟⲩ |
| Feminine | ⲟⲩ |
| Plural | ϩⲁⲛ |

| Definite Article (**The**) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Masculine | ⲡⲓ | ⲡ̀ | ⲫ̀ |
| Feminine | ϯ | ⲧ̀ | ⲑ̀ |
| Plural | ⲛⲓ | (ⲛⲉⲛ) | |

| Some masculine nouns | | |
|---|---|---|
| ⲕⲁϩⲓ Land | ⲡⲓⲕⲁϩⲓ the land | ⲟⲩⲕⲁϩⲓ a land |
| ϣⲏⲣⲓ Son | ⲡ̀ϣⲏⲣⲓ the son | ⲟⲩϣⲏⲣⲓ a son |
| ⲓⲱⲧ Father | ⲫ̀ⲓⲱⲧ the father | ⲟⲩⲓⲱⲧ a father |

| Some feminine nouns | | |
|---|---|---|
| ⲥⲱⲛⲓ Sister | ϯⲥⲱⲛⲓ the sister | ⲟⲩⲥⲱⲛⲓ a sister |
| ⲫⲉ Heaven | ⲧ̀ⲫⲉ the heaven | ⲟⲩⲫⲉ a heaven |
| ⲙⲁⲩ Mother | ⲑ̀ⲙⲁⲩ the mother | ⲟⲩⲙⲁⲩ a mother |



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| Some plural nouns | | |
|---|---|---|
| ⲙⲁⲩ Mothers | ⲛⲓⲙⲁⲩ the mothers | ϩⲁⲛⲙⲁⲩ mothers |
| ⲫⲏⲟⲩⲓ Heavens | ⲛⲓⲫⲏⲟⲩⲓ the heavens | ϩⲁⲛⲫⲏⲟⲩⲓ Heavens |

| Some more masculine words | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ⲛⲟⲩϯ | God | ϭⲟⲓⲥ | Lord |
| ⲡ̀ⲛⲉⲩⲙⲁ | Spirit | ⲁⲅⲅⲉⲗⲟⲥ | Angel |
| ⲱⲓⲕ | Bread | ⲱ̀ⲟⲩ | Glory |
| ϫⲱⲙ | Book | ⲕⲁϣ | Pencil |

| Some more feminine words | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ⲥⲱⲛⲓ | Sister | ⲃⲱ | Tree |
| ϫⲟⲙ | Power | ⲃⲁⲕⲓ | City |
| ϣⲉⲣⲓ | Daughter | ⲙⲉϯⲟⲩⲣⲟ | Kingdom |

| Some more plural nouns | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ⲓⲟϯ | Fathers | ⲙⲁⲩ | Mothers |
| ⲥⲱⲛⲓ | Sisters | ⲥ̀ⲛⲏⲟⲩ | Brothers |
| ϣⲏⲣⲓ | Sons | ϣⲉⲣⲓ | Daughters |



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# ϫⲉ ⲡⲉⲛⲓⲱⲧ ⲉⲧϧⲉⲛ ⲛⲓⲫⲏⲟⲩⲓ

## Our Father who art in Heaven

ⲁ̀ⲣⲓⲧⲉⲛ ⲛ̀ⲉⲙⲡ̀ϣⲁ ⲛ̀ϫⲟⲥ ϧⲉⲛ ⲟⲩϣⲉⲡϧ̀ⲙⲟⲧ

Make us worthy to say thankfully

ϫⲉ ⲡⲉⲛⲓⲱⲧ ⲉⲧϧⲉⲛ ⲛⲓⲫⲏⲟⲩⲓ

Our father who art in heaven

ⲙⲁⲣⲉϥⲧⲟⲩⲃⲟ ⲛ̀ϫⲉ ⲡⲉⲕⲣⲁⲛ

Hallowed be Thy name

ⲙⲁⲣⲉⲥ̀ⲓ ⲛ̀ϫⲉ ⲧⲉⲕⲙⲉⲧⲟⲩⲣⲟ

Thy kingdom come

ⲡⲉⲧⲉϩⲛⲁⲕ ⲙⲁⲣⲉϥϣⲱⲡⲓ

Thy will be done

ⲙ̀ⲫⲣⲏϯ ϧⲉⲛ ⲧ̀ⲫⲉ ⲛⲉⲙ ϩⲓϫⲉⲛ ⲡⲓⲕⲁϩⲓ

On earth as it is in heaven

ⲡⲉⲛⲱⲓⲕ ⲛ̀ⲧⲉ ⲣⲁⲥϯ ⲙⲏⲓϥ ⲛⲁⲛ ⲙ̀ⲫⲟⲟⲩ

Give us this day our daily bread

ⲟⲩⲟϩ ϫⲁ ⲛⲏⲉⲧⲉⲣⲟⲛ ⲛⲁⲛ ⲉ̀ⲃⲟⲗ

And forgive us our trespasses



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ⲙ̀ⲫⲣⲏϯ ϩⲱⲛ ⲛ̀ⲧⲉⲛϫⲱ ⲉ̀ⲃⲟⲗ

As we forgive

ⲛ̀ⲛⲏⲉ̀ⲧⲉ ⲟⲩⲟⲛ ⲛ̀ⲧⲁⲛ ⲉ̀ⲣⲱⲟⲩ

those who trespass against us

ⲟⲩⲟϩ ⲙ̀ⲡⲉⲣⲉⲛⲧⲉⲛ ⲉ̀ϧⲟⲩⲛ ⲉ̀ⲡⲓⲣⲁⲥⲙⲟⲥ

And lead us not into temptation

ⲁⲗⲗⲁ ⲛⲁϩⲙⲉⲛ ⲉ̀ⲃⲟⲗϩⲁ ⲡⲓⲡⲉⲧϩⲱⲟⲩ

But deliver us from the evil one

ϧⲉⲛ ⲡⲓⲭ̀ⲣⲓⲥⲧⲟⲥ Ⲓⲏⲥⲟⲩⲥ ⲡⲉⲛⲃⲟⲓⲥ

In Christ Jesus our Lord

ϫⲉ ⲑⲱⲕ ⲧⲉ

For Thine is

ϯⲙⲉⲧⲟⲩⲣⲟ ⲛⲉⲙ ϯϫⲟⲙ ⲛⲉⲙ ⲡⲓⲱ̀ⲟⲩ

the kingdom, the power and the glory,

ϣⲁ ⲉ̀ⲛⲉϩ ⲁ̀ⲙⲏⲛ

forever, Amen

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