1 Read the introduction and write the letter to complete the sentence.

Understanding Hieroglyphs

The Ancient Egyptians started using hieroglyphs in about 3000 BCE. Hieroglyphs are... ☐

a. a type of Ancient Egyptian gold.
b. picture words that Ancient Egyptians used to write.
c. the bandages that Ancient Egyptians used to wrap mummies.

2 Read the rest of the article and circle *T* (True) or *F* (False).

The Ancient Egyptians drew amazing hieroglyphs on stone walls and paper. They wrote in different directions: left to right, right to left or top to bottom.

There are thousands of different pictures, so it's not easy to understand the secrets of hieroglyphs. In 1799, a Frenchman found the Rosetta Stone when he was exploring. It has lots of writing on it. Ancient Egyptians made the Rosetta Stone in 196 BCE. This was special because there was a message in both hieroglyphs and Greek. It helped people understand hieroglyphs better.





Some hieroglyphs are letters and some are animals, parts of the body or objects that we use every day. The letters are not exactly like our letters, but they use an alphabet system which is easy to understand.

Can you see the lion? It's the letter "L!" The letter "B" is a foot and the letter "D" is a hand. There are three different types of birds and two types of snakes, too!

1. Ancient Egyptians wrote hieroglyphs in only one direction. T F
2. A French man found the Rosetta Stone in 196 BCE. T F
3. The Rosetta Stone helped us understand what hieroglyphs mean. T F
4. The hieroglyph pictures are all animals. T F
5. The hieroglyph for the letter "B" is a part of the body. T F

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