



# WRITE YOUR NAME IN EGYPTIAN HIEROGLYPHS

#### The Basics

- Hieroglyphs were used in Egypt and are one of the first writing systems in the world.
- Although they look like pictures, a lot of the time hieroglyphs represent sounds.
- Hieroglyphs in principle represent only consonants (like Phoenician), although there are exceptions.

## How to write your Name

- 1. Find all the consonants in your name.
- 2. Use the list to write them in hieroglyphs.
- 3. If your name begins or ends with a vowel sound, you can use the following letters:

 $\searrow u \bowtie i$ 

(another vowel)

### Some Consonant Signs

Hieroglyph	English		ish	Hieroglyph	English		
or w	y	as in	'yes'	p	S	as in	'sing'
<b>S</b> or <b>e</b>	w	as in	'water'		sh	as in	<b>'sh</b> ip'
	b	as in	'boat'		z	as in	' <b>z</b> ebra'
	p	as in	' <b>p</b> arty'	Δ	q	as in	'queen'
<b>S</b>	f	as in	'fish'	$\bigcirc$	k	as in	'king'
$\sim$	n	as in	'mum'		g	as in	<b>'g</b> o'
<b>~~~~</b> 7	n	as in	' <b>n</b> ight'	Δ	t	as in	'tail'
$\bigcirc$	r	as in	m `red'	<b></b>	ch	as in	' <b>ch</b> urch'
	l	as in	'lead'		d	as in	'dance'
	h	as in	'hello'	3	j	as in	' <b>j</b> ungle'
$\bullet$ $k$	ch	as in	'lo <b>ch</b> '				

### Names of Kings

If you were a king in Egypt, you would write at least one of your names inside a ring, known as a cartouche. Can you work out who the king at the top of the page is? To work it out you will need some extra signs:

$$ho$$
  $nkh$   $mn$   $\downarrow$   $i/a$ 

