

# Hieroglyphics



The ancient Egyptians invented one of the earliest known writing systems. The symbols they used were called hieroglyphs, which come from a Greek word meaning 'sacred carving'. This is because the ancient Egyptians believed that hieroglyphs had been invented by the Gods. In Ancient Egypt, the people who wrote hieroglyphs were called scribes. A scribe had to go to a special school to learn how to do it, because it was very complicated. Now, imagine that you are a scribe, see if you can create your own secret code using the hieroglyphics alphabet and check if anyone you know can solve the secret code?

## Key vocabulary:

- Hieroglyphics
- Sacred carving
- Symbols
- Ancient
- Egypt
- Egyptians

