

Coptic Language

Coptic is an easy language to learn and to pronounce. Most of the words are pronounced how they are spelled (some letters have more than one way to pronounce them).

The Coptic language has 32 letters, 17 of them look like English letters. There are 11 letters from those 17 also sound like English, but the remaining 6 are pronounced differently.

Let us start with some of the letters that look and sound like English.

The following table has the name of the letter, how it looks, the pronunciation and a written example of how it sounds.

Name	Letter	Pronunciation	Example
Alpha	Α α	a	<u>A</u> rt
Beta	Β β	b v	<u>B</u> all <u>v</u> olve
Kappa	Κ κ	k	<u>K</u> ite
Omega	Ω ω	ow	<u>Tow</u>
Sima	ϸ ϸ	s	<u>S</u> ing

Easy, right? Now let's look at some Coptic words that have those letters.

Word	Meaning	Pronunciation
ΑΒΒα	Father (Anba)	Avva
ϸω	Drink	Sow
Βωκ	Slave	Vowk
ϸωκ	Close	Sook

Here is a list of words that you should already be able to read.

Each word's meaning and pronunciation are given.