















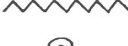





Project 8: Egyptian Hieroglyphs

Egyptian painting and sculpture often include writing called hieroglyphs. These are tiny picture symbols which represent either the object pictured or certain letter sounds. These sounds are always consonants, so the vowel sounds must be guessed at. If the hieroglyph has a vertical line beneath, the word is the object pictured. If there are three vertical lines, the word is the plural of the object. If there are no lines, it represents a particular consonant sound.

Study the line of eye hieroglyphs below. The first has a single line and stands for the word *eye*. The second has three lines, so the word is *eyes*. The third and fourth have no lines, so the symbol represents the sound of the letters *YR*. If you add the vowel sound *ou* to it, the hieroglyph could be read as *your*. Add *ea* and it could represent the word *year*.

Can you write a phrase here using hieroglyphs from the table below?

 - eye	 - eyes	 - YR	 ou - your	 ea - year
word the symbols picture		plural of the object pictured		
 sun, day, or HRW	 eye or YR	 hand or D		
 man or Z	 woman	 eat, drink, talk, call (anything done with mouth)		
 bread loaf or T	 house or PR	 build or QD		
 head or TP	 live	 water or N		
 owl or M	 horned viper or F	 cobra or G		