



The Phoenician alphabet was the first alphabet in the world. However, it had no vowels. Can you translate the sentences below and add in the vowels to decode the words?

𐤁	𐤂	𐤃	𐤄	𐤅	𐤆	𐤇	𐤈	𐤉	𐤊
B	G	P	H	W	T	Y	K	L	M
𐤋	𐤌	𐤍	𐤎	𐤏	𐤐	𐤑	𐤒	𐤓	𐤔
N	F	C	Q	R	SH	CH	S	TH	Z

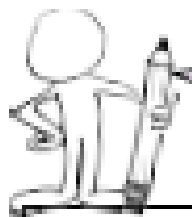
Y 𐤆𐤃𐤃 𐤍𐤌𐤇 𐤎𐤃 𐤒𐤃𐤃𐤃

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How easy was it to translate the words without vowels? Why?

Can you write some secret messages to a friend using the Phoenician alphabet?



Imagine you live in an early civilisation. Design a symbol for each of the words in the boxes below for a new writing system.

king	queen	palace	temple
house	cow	horse	arrow
knife	shield	grain	oil
boat	sun	rain	cloud
tree	field	jar	wool