

PICTOGRAMS

sets of pictures of everyday objects

IDEOGRAMS

symbols that represent abstract ideas

ALPHABETS

symbols that represent individual sounds & combine to make words

PAPER

PRINTING

FORM



FUNCTION

use: literal expression: amount, ownership, rank

use: increasingly abstract expression: amount, ownership, rank opinions, ideas, beliefs

use: literal, abstract expression: amount, ownership, rank opinions, ideas, beliefs art, beauty, spirit, dreams

YEARS

5000

4000

3000

2000

1000

PHOENICIAN	MODERN HEBREW	EARLY GREEK	CLASSICAL GREEK	ETRUSCAN	CLASSICAL ROMAN	MODERN ROMAN
𐤀	א	Α	Α	Α	A	A
𐤁	ב	Β	Β	Β	B	B
𐤂	ג	Γ	Γ	Γ	C	C
𐤃	ד	Δ	Δ	Δ	D	D
𐤄	ה	Ε	Ε	Ε	E	E
𐤅	ו	Ϝ	Ϝ	Ϝ	F	F
𐤆	ז	Ζ	Ζ	Ζ	G	G
𐤇	ח	Η	Η	Η	H	H
𐤈	ט	Θ	Θ	Θ	I	I
𐤉	י	Ι	Ι	Ι	J	J
𐤊	כ	Κ	Κ	Κ	K	K
𐤋	ל	Λ	Λ	Λ	L	L
𐤌	מ	Μ	Μ	Μ	M	M
𐤍	נ	Ν	Ν	Ν	N	N
𐤎	ס	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	O	O
𐤏	ע	Ο	Ο	Ο	P	P
𐤐	פ	Π	Π	Π	Q	Q
𐤑	צ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	R	R
𐤒	ק	Σ	Σ	Σ	S	S
𐤓	ר	Τ	Τ	Τ	T	T
𐤔	ש	Υ	Υ	Υ	V	V
𐤕	ת	Ϝ	Ϝ	Ϝ	X	X
𐤖		Ϟ	Ϟ	Ϟ	Y	Y
𐤗		ϟ	ϟ	ϟ	Z	Z

