

EGYPTIAN TABLETS

Vocabulary

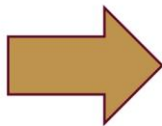
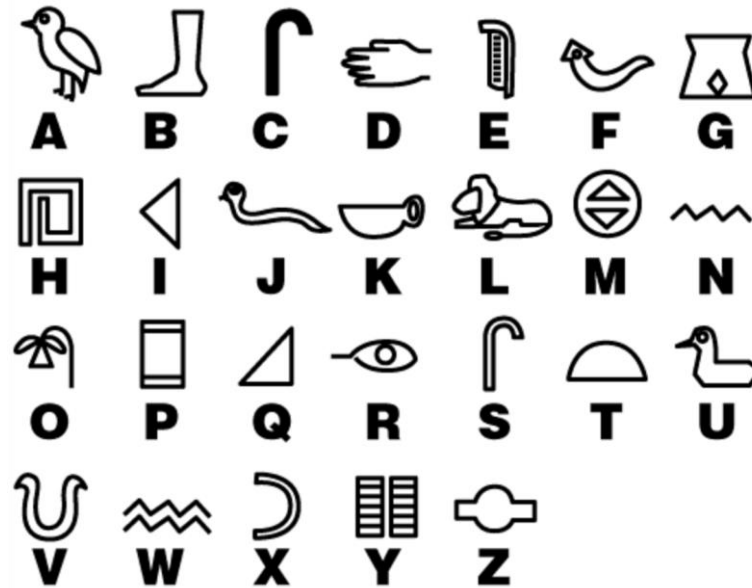
Incise: To carve into a surface. **Score:** To scratch hash marks into a surface. **Slip:** Clay mixed with water.

What are hieroglyphs ?

The ancient Egyptians invented one of the earliest known writing systems used from around 3000BC. The symbols they used were called **hieroglyphs**, which comes from a Greek word meaning 'sacred carving'.

In ancient Egypt, the people who wrote hieroglyphs were called scribes.

Hieroglyphs included around 700 different symbols of objects and animals.



Modelling

First, flatten out a ball of clay to create a flat surface for marking on.

Experiment with different clay tools in order to make the shapes required to form the different shapes of the hieroglyphic symbols.