

Picture Writing

The ancient Egyptians used beautiful writing called “hieroglyphics,” made up of 24 basic pictures used to spell out words. There were also pictures to show who or what was being written about, and other pictures to describe actions. Altogether, there were more than 700 different pictures and symbols! Egyptians were pretty flexible about their writing—hieroglyphics can be read from left to right (like our language) or from right to left. How do you know which way to read? You look at which way the animal characters are facing. If their noses point to the left, you read from left to right. It’s like watching a parade!

Keep track of the hieroglyphics you pass from START to END. Copy each one into the blank space provided. When you’re finished, see which pharaoh’s name you have spelled.

START

			END

Draw the hieroglyphics from left to right.

Hatshepsut

Tutankhamun

Ramses II



**That's
A-Maze-Ing!**

No one uses hieroglyphics today, but there are plenty of examples left in the tombs and temples. Even ancient grocery lists and pages of math homework have been found!

Answers:

Oodles of Noodles

