

## Coptic Lesson 4: The Last Five Letters

In lesson one, we learned the letters that look and sound like English letters:

**Α Β Ε Ζ Ι Κ Λ Ν Ο Σ Τ Ω**

We also learned three letters that look like English letters but are pronounced differently: **Η Ρ Χ**

In lesson two, we learned Seven New Coptic Letters: **Ϛ ϛ Ϝ ϝ Ϟ ϟ Ϡ**

In lesson three, we learned Five New Coptic Letters: **ϡ Ϣ ϣ Ϥ ϥ**

Now let us learn the last five Coptic letters. Below is the shape of the letter (in Caps and small), its name, and its pronunciation

Note: not all pronunciation rules will be included, just the basic ones, to avoid confusion.

Letter	Shape	Pronunciation	Example
Soo	Ϛ Ϛ̄	<b>Soo</b>	<b>ΠΙϚ̄ ΝΤΕΝϚ</b> (Pi-Soo en-tenh= six wings)
<i>The only use of this letter is the number 6, and always has a bar, which denotes a number, over it</i>			
Exsi	ϛ ϛ̄	x (as in <b>Phone</b> )	<b>ορθοζων</b> (ortho-zthox-on = orthodox)
Epsilon	Ϝ Ϝ̄	V (as in <b>nave</b> ) Long O (as in <b>no</b> ) E (as in <b>hero</b> )	<b>σταυρος</b> (stav-ros = cross) <b>Ιωαννου</b> (you-an-no = John) <b>κρυε</b> (Ke-riee = Lord)
<p><b>Ϝ̄</b> is pronounced <b>v</b>: if it follows <b>α</b> or <b>ε</b> ;</p> <p><b>Ϝ̄</b> is pronounced <b>o</b>: if it follows <b>ο</b> otherwise it is an <b>e</b></p>			
Khai	Ϟ Ϟ̄	Kh خ (The Arabic KH sound, like خمسة Kham-sa"= number 5)	<b>Ϟεν</b> (khen= with/in)
Cheema	ϟ ϟ̄	ch (as in <b>church</b> )	<b>βοιc</b> (choice= lord)

*Now let's read some words using these letters,  
along with the ones we have already learned:*

<i>Word</i>	<i>Pronunciation</i>	<i>Word Meaning</i>
ⲁⲭⲡ Ⲓ̅		Sixth hour
Ⲑⲣⲉⲟⲗⲟⲥ		Orthodox
Ⲙⲟⲥⲟⲗⲟⲥⲓⲁ		Doxology (praise)
Ⲙⲓⲟⲥ		Worthy
Ⲉⲣⲁ		Eve
Ⲙⲛⲁⲣ		Two
Ⲙⲁⲛⲗⲁⲣ		Malawy, Egypt
Ⲙⲗⲗⲙⲗⲟⲩⲁ		Alleluia
Ⲙⲁⲛⲛⲟⲩⲥ		Doll
Ⲙⲣⲉⲁⲣⲁ		Harp
Ⲙⲓⲃ		The Ghost
Ⲙⲁⲃⲟⲙⲓⲟⲥ		Pachomios
Ⲑⲱⲙ ⲛ̀ⲛⲒⲒⲒⲒⲱ		"Sham en-neseem" (Egyptian Feast of Spring)

*Try to read these words on your own:*

Ⲙⲟⲗⲟⲭⲓⲁ	"Molokhia" (plant)
Ⲙⲣⲗⲓⲥⲧⲓⲱ	Palistine
Ⲙⲣⲱⲫⲟⲛⲓⲁ	Symphony
Ⲙⲣⲣⲟⲛ	Christmation oil "Mayroon"
Ⲙⲟⲩⲣⲙ	Censer
Ⲙⲫⲣⲏⲕⲓⲁ	Africa
Ⲉⲱⲱⲁⲛⲟⲩⲙⲗ	Emmanuel

*Now that you have learned ALL the Coptic Letters of the Coptic Language,  
Let's try to use it. Write your full name in COPTIC. This should be fun, as well  
as a good learning tool.*

*Example: my name is: Gerges Abdelmesih Gad ⲘⲈⲣⲦⲈⲥ ⲘⲖⲘⲈⲘⲈⲤⲘⲈⲤ Ⲙⲗⲁⲗ*