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Summary of the Names and Pronunciation of the Coptic Alphabet (32 letters)

First 25 letters derived from the Greek alphabet. Last 7 letters derived from old Egyptian scripts

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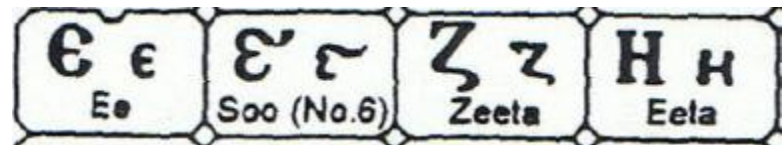
Letter (* Capital Letters are written in a different form than small letters)				Pronunciation			
1	Alpha *	Α-α	ألفا	A	as in father , or as in Fan	Vowel	1
2	Veeta *	Β-β	ڤيٲا	V, B	based on position in the word	-	2
3	Gamma	Γ-γ	جما	G, N, GH	based on position in the word	-	3
4	Delta	Δ-Δ	دلٲا	TH, D	TH as in then , D in names	-	4
5	Ei	Ε-ε	ئي	E	as in pen , or as in Rain	Vowel	5
6	Soo	Ϻ-ϻ	سو	-	numeral 6	-	6
7	Zeeta	Ζ-ζ	زيٲا	Z	as in zebra	-	7
8	Eeta	Η-η	ئيٲا	EE	as in meet	Vowel	8
9	Theeta	Θ-θ	ٲئيٲا	TH	as in think	-	9
10	Iota	Ι-ι	يوتٲا	I, Y	based on position in the word	Vowel	10
11	Kappa	Κ-κ	كبا	K	as in cook	-	11
12	Lavla	Λ-λ	لافلا	L	as in look	-	12
13	Mei *	Μ-μ	مي	M	as in mother	-	13
14	Nei *	Ν-ν	ني	N	as in nancy	-	14
15	Eksee	Ξ-ξ	إكسي	X	as in box	-	15
16	O	Ο-ο	او	O (Short)	as in British not	Vowel	16
17	Pee	Π-π	بي	P	as in Peter	-	17
18	Ro	Ρ-ρ	رو	R	as in room	-	18
19	Seema	Ϛ-ϛ	سيما	S, Z	based on position in the word	-	19
20	Tav *	Ϝ-ϝ	تاف	T	as in take	-	20
21	Epsilon *	Ϛ-ϛ	إيسلن	V, I, O	based on position in the word	Vowel	21
22	Fei	Ϟ-ϟ	في	F	as in fan	-	22
23	Kei	Ϡ-ϡ	كي	K, SH, KH	based on position in the word	-	23
24	Epsee	Ϣ-ϣ	إبسي	PS	both p and s are pronounced	-	24
25	Oo	Ϝ-ϝ	اوو	O (Long open)	as in throw	Vowel	25
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26	Shai	Ϟ-ϟ	شاي	SH	as in shake	-	26
27	Fai	Ϡ-ϡ	فاي	F	as in fan	-	27
28	Khai *	Ϣ-ϣ	خاي	KH	as in Arabic Kh	-	28
29	Hori	Ϥ-ϥ	هوري	H	as in house	-	29
30	Ganga	Ϧ-ϧ	جانجا	J, G	based on position in the word	-	30
31	Cheema	Ϩ-ϩ	إتشبما	CH	as in Church	-	31
32	Tee *	Ϫ-ϫ	تي	TEE	as in tea	-	32
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-	Special comb.	!	اووو	OO (Heavy deep)	as in broom	-	-
-	Jinkim	,	چنكم	-	Makes the letter a Separate syllable	-	-

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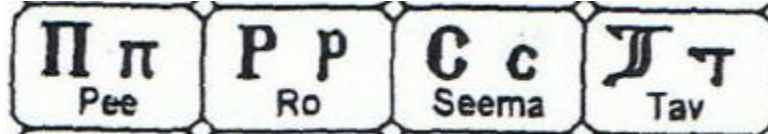
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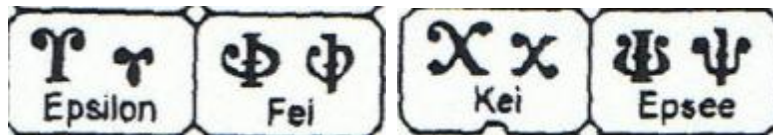
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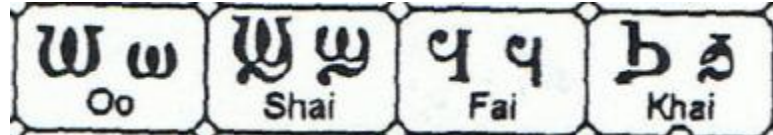
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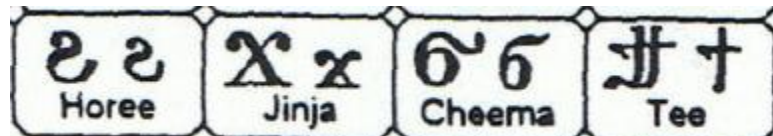
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	Α α Alpha	Β β Veeta	Γ γ Gamma	Δ δ Delta	
Ε ε Ee	Ϝ ϝ Soo (No.6)	Ζ ζ Zeeta	Η η Eeta	Θ θ Theeta	Ι ι Iota
Κ κ Kappa	Λ λ Lavla	Μ μ Mei	Ν ν Nei	Ξ ξ Eksee	Ο ο O
Π π Pee	Ρ ϱ Ro	Ϛ ϛ Seema	Τ τ Tav	Υ υ Epsilon	Φ φ Fei
Χ χ Kei	Ψ ψ Epsee	Ω ω Oo	Ϙ ϙ Shai	Ϡ ϡ Fai	Ϣ ϣ Khai
	Ϥ ϥ Horee	Ϧ ϧ Jinja	Ϩ ϩ Cheema	Ϫ ϫ Tee	