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St. Athanasius Class  
Coptic Treasures

Lesson # 01

**Our approach:**

To teach you how to teach yourself the letters of the Coptic Language, as it is very close to English, Arabic and Greek.

So, let us start by these words  
If I told you that these words are written and have the same pronunciation as English, please fill the English part.

طريقتنا في تدريس اللغة:  
تعليم نفسك بنفسك ، حروف اللغة القبطية : لأنها قريبة جدا  
من اللغات الإنجليزية ، العربية واليونانية .  
ولذا دعنا نبدأ بهذه الكلمات.

إذا علمت أن هذه الكلمات تكتب وتُنطق تماما كما في  
الانجليزية، هل يمكنك من كتابة الحروف الناقصة في الخانة  
الانجليزية مكان الفراغ.

Try to read the following word (using English letters)

Coptic	English pronunciation	Meaning in English	Meaning in Arabic
ⲕⲁⲧⲁ	K - t -	According to	بحسب

How to write the letters:

كيفية كتابة الحروف :

The letter or tool	Graphic	Name / order	Pronunciation
ⲕ - ⲕ		Kappa ⲕⲁ (11)	“K” (as in <i>Break</i> or <i>Kid</i> )
ⲁ - ⲁ		Alpha ⲁⲗⲁ (1)	“A” (as in <i>Father</i> )
ⲧ - ⲧ		Tav ⲧⲁⲩ (20)	“T” (as in <i>Tom</i> )

Ⲡⲁⲛⲉ ⲉⲙⲁⲩⲱ



Very Good

Write the whole word:

اكتب الكلمة كاملة :

ΚΑΤΑ	_____	_____	_____
And its meaning:	ومعناها :		

### **Definition of Coptic Language**

The Coptic Language is the name used to refer to the last stage of the written Egyptian language. Coptic should more correctly be used to refer to the script rather than the language itself. Even though this script was introduced as far back as the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC, it is usually applied to the writing of the Egyptian language from the first century AD to the present day.

If you want to read more about the history of Coptic Language please visit this site:

<http://www.coptic.org/language/stshenouda1.htm>

The following websites contains a lot of materials, curriculum and dictionaries of Coptic Language:

<http://www.coptic.org/language/>

<http://www.avarewase.org/>

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Be well in the Lord



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