



ncient Alphabets

This is a chart showing how certain letters in modern English can be traced back thousands of years to very early scripts and hieroglyphics. Each row shows the many different glyphs in different languages over thousands of years that have represented the same basic sound.

Create your own new letters in the last column.

Proto Canaanite (c 1700 BC)	Early Names and Meanings	Phoenician (c 1050 BC)	Early Greek (c 770 BC)	Early Roman (c 100 BC)	Modern English	Your Glyph
	<i>alp</i> oxhead				A	
	<i>bet</i> house				B	
	<i>digg</i> fish				D	
	<i>yad</i> arm				I	
	<i>mem</i> water				M	
	<i>en</i> eye				O	
	<i>ro's</i> human head				R	