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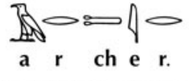
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A

is for archer
who carries a bow.

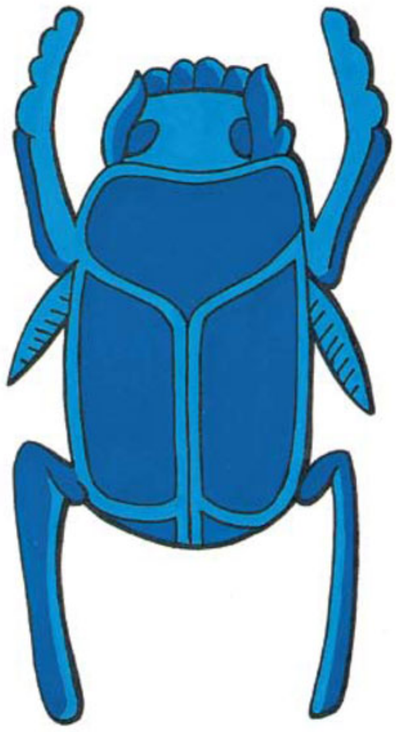




To write the letter A the Egyptians used a vulture. To spell **archer** using hieroglyphs, you would write 

a r ch e r.

The Egyptians used bows and arrows to hunt wild animals in the desert, such as bulls, rabbits, gazelles and hedgehogs.



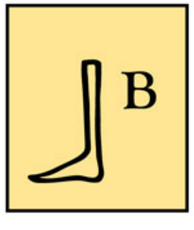
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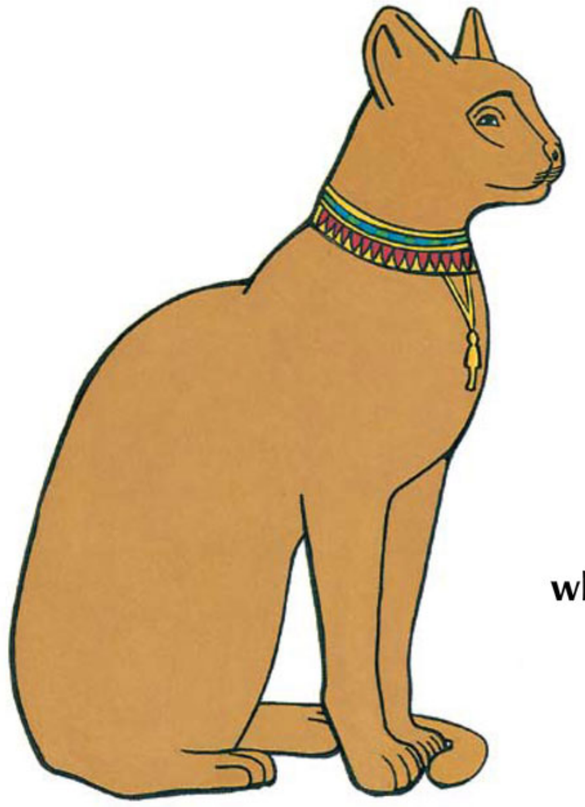
is for beetle
whose footsteps are slow.

To write the letter B the Egyptians used a foot. To spell **beetle** using hieroglyphs, you would write 

beet l e.

The scarab beetle was worn as a powerful lucky charm. The Egyptians made scarab jewelry out of blue glass and jewels.





C

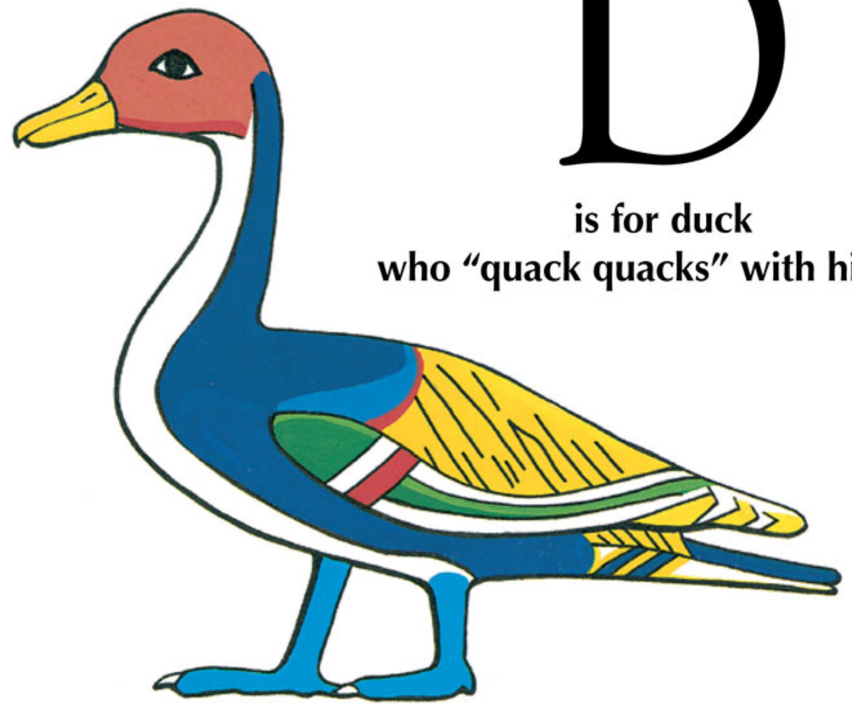
is for cat
who sits there so still.

The Egyptians had no letter C, but you can use a basket with handle (k) to stand for the C sound. To spell **cat** you would write



c a t.

Cats were considered sacred by the ancient Egyptians. They even had a cat goddess named Bastet.



D

is for duck
who "quack quacks" with his bill.

To write the letter D the Egyptians used a hand. To spell **duck** using hieroglyphs, you would write



d u ck.

The Egyptians had many of the same kinds of colorful ducks that we have today.

