

Greek Alphabet

The Ancient Greeks used a different alphabet to us. Have a go at copying the letters in the boxes.

A α Alpha (a)	B β Beta (b)	Γ γ Gamma (g)	Δ δ Delta (d)
E ε Epsilon (e)	Z ζ Zeta (z)	Η η Eta (e)	Θ θ Theta (th)
I ι Iota (i)	Κ κ Kappa (k)	Λ λ Lambda (l)	Μ μ Mu (m)
Ν ν Nu (n)	Ξ ξ Xi (x)	Ο ο Omicron (o)	Π π Pi (p)
Ρ ρ Rho (r)	Σ σ or ς Sigma (s)	Τ τ Tau (t)	Υ υ Upsilon (u)
Φ φ Phi (ph)	Χ χ Chi (ch)	Ψ ψ Psi (ps)	Ω ω Omega (o)

1. The word alphabet comes from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet. What are they?

2. Here are the names of some of the Greek gods and goddesses. Can you work out who they are by turning the Greek letters into English letters?

ΖΕΥΣ	Ποσειδων

Αρτεμις	Αθηνη

3. There are lots of words we still use today which were used by the ancient Greeks. Write these two words in English letters. Can you put them together to make the name of an animal in English?

ιππος (horse) _____

ποταμος (river) _____

The animal is a _____

4. Can you write your name using Greek letters? If you can't find the right letters, try writing the name of a friend or family member instead.