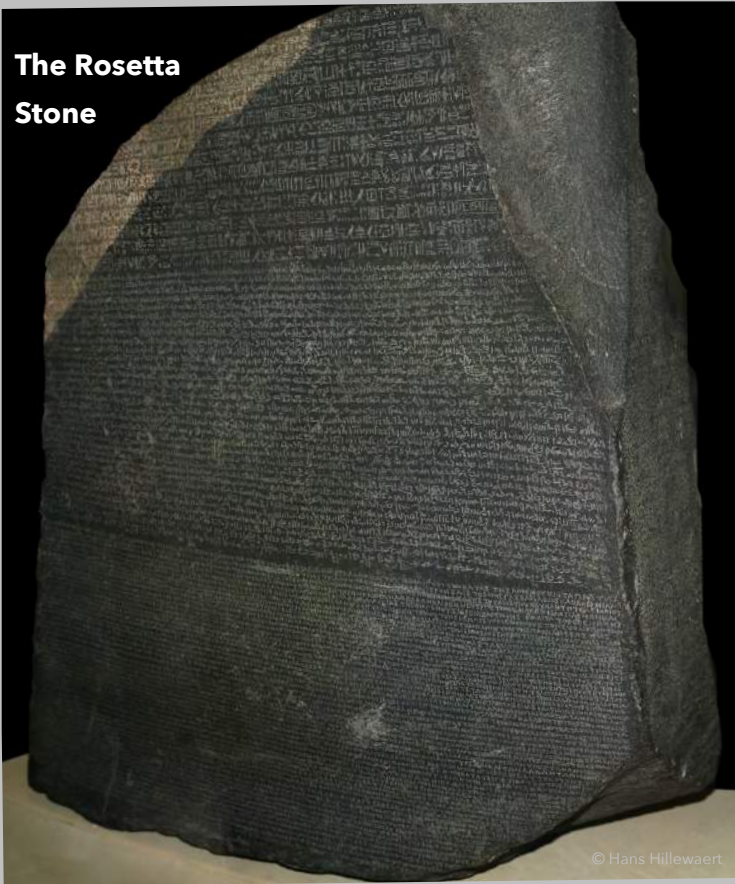


ANCIENT TRANSLATION

The Rosetta Stone



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The **Rosetta Stone** was created over two thousand years ago. It was discovered in 1799 by French soldiers building a fort in Rosetta, Egypt. It has three types of writing on it:

Hieroglyphs (an Ancient Egyptian writing used for special ceremonies and important people), **Demotic** (a common type of writing used by people in Ancient Egypt) and **Ancient Greek**. No one at that time could understand hieroglyphic writing but they did know Ancient Greek. They translated the Greek and from that were able to translate the hieroglyphs.

Working in groups of four

First person

Write a short, simple sentence to a friend in English making sure the fourth person in your group does not see the message.

Second person

Using a Greek alphabet translate the message into Ancient Greek and pass to the third person.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/history/pdfs/greekalphabet.pdf>

Third person

Translate the Ancient Greek into hieroglyphs and then pass to the fourth person to translate back into English. <https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-egyptian-alphabet.html>

Fourth person

Read out your message to the group - is it still the same message?!

Try some more messages and take it in turns to do each translating part.

