Ancient Egyptians used writing (hieroglyphs) and symbols to communicate information. They called writing ‘divine words’ because they believed Thoth, god of wisdom, invented writing.

Symbols could be 3D or carved into a surface. Look carefully at the objects and see if you can spot the symbols shown below. Each time you spot a symbol on an object you score a point. Who has the most points by the time you leave the gallery?

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| ![Ankh](image) | **Ankh**  
The ankh was a symbol of life. It was often carried in the hand. |
| ![Cartouche](image) | **Cartouche**  
An oval shape around the name of a pharaoh. It symbolized the pharaoh as a ruler of all that the sun encircled. |
| ![Nemes](image) | **Nemes**  
A fabric head dress worn by the pharaoh. It was tied at the back, with two flaps hanging down the sides. |
| ![Lotus flower](image) | **Lotus flower**  
The lotus flower blooms in the day and closes each night. It was a symbol of rebirth, renewed life and everlasting life. |