

Deseret Alphabet Activity

On April 8, 1852, Brigham Young announced that the Board of Regents of the university of Deseret was preparing a new method of writing English. The idea was to develop a sort of universal system, especially so that foreign-language-speaking converts could learn to read English more easily. The final version of the Deseret Alphabet utilized thirty-eight characters corresponding to sounds of English. (*Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, Volume 1)

᠔᠗	long i (e as in machine)	᠋᠋	short i (i as in it)	᠔᠔	ay (as in eye)
᠘᠘	long e (e as in grey)	᠕᠕	short e (e as in desert)	᠔᠔	ow (ow as in cow)
᠔᠔	long a (a as in art)	᠕᠕	short a (a as in cat)	᠕᠕	wu (was in wonder)
᠐᠐	long ah (au as in aught)	᠕᠕	short ah (o as in cot)	᠕᠕	yee (y as in you)
᠐᠐	long o (o as in tone)	᠋᠋	short o (o as in woman)		
᠐᠐	long oo (oo as in moo)	᠑᠑	short oo (oo as in book)		
᠕᠕	h (h as in hurrah)	᠔᠔	gay (g as in good)	᠔᠔	esh (sh as in short)
᠒᠒	pee (p as in pet)	᠑᠑	ef (f as in France)	᠔᠔	zhee (as in measure)
᠘᠘	bee (b as in bee)	᠘᠘	vee (v as in voice)	᠕᠕	er (r as in ride)
᠒᠒	tee (t as in teach)	᠕᠕	eth (th as in think)	᠕᠕	el (l as in letter)
᠔᠔	dee (d as in Deseret)	᠕᠕	thee (th as in they)	᠔᠔	em (m as in Macintosh)
᠘᠘	chee (ch as in cheese)	᠔᠔	es (s as in said)	᠕᠕	en (n as in nice)
᠑᠑	jee (j as in John)	᠕᠕	zee (z as in zebra)	᠕᠕	eng (ng as in sing)
᠔᠔	kay (k as in kitten)				

Use the characters from the Deseret Alphabet to decipher the scripture mastery keywords below:

1. ᠔᠕᠔᠑᠕᠔ _____
2. ᠒᠔ ᠕᠋᠋᠋ _____
3. ᠕᠕᠕᠕᠕ _____
4. ᠒᠑᠘ ᠕᠕᠕᠕᠕ _____
5. ᠕᠕᠕᠕ ᠕᠕ ᠔᠕᠕᠕ _____
6. ᠑᠔᠕᠕᠕ _____
7. ᠔᠕᠕᠕ ᠕᠕ ᠔᠕᠕᠕᠕᠕᠕᠕ _____
8. ᠕᠕᠕᠕᠕᠕ ᠕᠕᠕᠕᠕ _____
9. ᠑᠕᠕᠕᠕ ᠕᠕᠕᠕ _____

Deseret Alphabet Activity

ANSWER KEY:

1. ᐃᐱᐃᐃᐃᐃ

Godhead _____

2. ᐱᐃ ᐱᐱᐱ

Tithing _____

3. ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ

Knowledge _____

4. ᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ

Pray Always _____

5. ᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱ

Worth of Souls _____

6. ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ

Forgive Everyone _____

7. ᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ

Search the Scriptures _____

8. ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ

Worthy Music _____

9. ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ

First Vision _____

