

The Rosetta Stone

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When people outside of Egypt discovered the large amount of picture writing called '**hieroglyphs**', they spent years trying to figure out what the ancient Egyptians were saying. Many archeologists devoted their entire lives trying to translate the hieroglyphs. Try as they might, they just couldn't decode it. It wasn't until the **Rosetta Stone** was found, that they had a way to hear the messages of the ancient Egyptians!



The **Rosetta Stone** was actually found by one of the soldiers in Napoleon's army in 1799. The stone was found in a town called el-Rashid (which means Rosetta.) On a careful examination of the stone, archeologists found the stone had two different languages: hieroglyphic and Greek. The archeologists used the Rosetta Stone to break the code and translate the hieroglyphics. Today the stone is in a British Museum, in England.

