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Greek Alphabet Activity

1. The word 'alphabet' comes from the names of the first two letters of the Greek alphabet.

Write them down here: _____.

2. How many letters are there in the Greek alphabet? _____

3. How many letters are there in our alphabet? _____

4. Try and write your name in Greek here: _____

Directions: There are a lot of English words that come from Greek. Try writing these words using the **Greek alphabet**:

5. *Demokratia* _____ in English this translates as 'democracy'. *Demos* means 'people' *Kratia* means 'power' so the word 'democracy' literally means 'people power'.

6. *Philosophia* _____ in English this translates as 'philosophy'. *Philos* means 'love' *Sophia* means 'wisdom' so the word 'philosophy' literally means 'love of wisdom'.

7. *Strategos* _____ in English this translates as 'strategy'. *Strategos* was the name given to a general in the army so our word 'strategy' comes from the Greek word for general.

8. *Archaeologia* _____ in English this translates as 'archaeology'. *Arche* means beginning *Ologia* means knowledge so the word 'archaeology' means 'knowledge about the beginning [long ago]'.

9. *Hippopotamos* _____ in English this translates as 'hippopotamus'. *Hippo* means 'horse' *Potamos* means 'river' so the word 'hippopotamus' means 'river horse'.

Directions: Lots of words have survived from ancient Greek in the English we speak now. Here are some of those words written in Greek. Write the letters of our alphabet on the blank line to work them out. Watch out for Greek letters that are two letters in our alphabet.

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