We use the 26 letters of our alphabet daily in reading and writing, but seldom are we aware of their beginnings.

The body height is now 1 mm less (4 mm) than on previous pages.

The word ALPHABET comes from the Greek names of the first two letters of their alphabet, ALPHA and BETA.

Some time before 1,300 B.C., the Phoenician alphabet was brought to Greece. The Greeks added vowels to the alphabet.

SELF-ASSESSMENT: Are you beginning ā d ā q ā ̂ s with a horizontal line? Are you ending ì p with a horizontal line?

* Ó (ch) and ì (TS) complete the 22 symbols.
** The Phoenicians wrote from right to left.