

Gods and Goddesses

Many gods and goddesses were worshipped in Ancient Egypt. They were often represented by animals, or shown with animal heads.

Can you match the 6 descriptions below to the correct God or Goddess? Images and answers on separate sheets.

A. The god of wind, rain, storms and thunder. He murdered his brother, the god Osiris. He is shown as a monstrous creature that carries a spear.

B. The god of counting, the calendar and time. He was the inventor of writing and acted as scribe at the judgement of the dead. He is shown as an ibis, a bird of the Nile, or a man with the head of an ibis.

C. The goddess of joy and love. She also protected women and travellers. She is represented as a cow, or as a woman with cow's horns between which sits a sun disc.

D. This goddess was the daughter of the sun-god Re. She had the power to ripen crops, and protected the house and family. She is shown as a cat or a woman with a cat's head.

E. The god of the morning sunrise. He is shown as a scarab beetle or a man with a beetle for a head. The beetle rolling a ball of dung across the desert was like the god rolling the sun across the sky.

F. This was the god of mummification, the guardian of secrets and the judge of the dead. He protected cemeteries and tombs. He is shown as a jackal, or a human with the head of a jackal.