

Close to Lascaux

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Answer: **HIEROGLYPHICS**

Step 1. Identify the pictures. You'll be aided by the fact that the words in the bottom half of the puzzle are in alphabetical order, once you notice this pattern.

1. cast



2. suit



3. pole



4. rocket



5. woks



6. callus



7. rattle



8. king



9. mole



10. beret



11. Sawyer



12. bell



13. furrow



14. llama



15. beater



16. Rocky



17. trophy



alarm



Alaska



antler



baker



battery



carpet



elbow



Fritos



gopher



limo



marquis



oyster



pillow



Pink



squash



Stooge



taxi



Step 2. For each numbered word on the top, find the word on the bottom that has all the same phonemes, plus an extra one. The phonemes will generally be ordered differently in the two words.

This gives:

Top word	Pronunciation	Bottom word	Pronunciation	Extra phoneme
1. cast	/kɑst/	taxi	/tɑksE/	E
2. suit	/süt/	Stooge	/stüj/	j
3. pole	/pOl/	pillow	/pilO/	i
4. rocket	/räkət/	carpet	/kärpət/	p
5. woks	/wäks/	squash	/skwäš/	š
6. callus	/kaləs/	Alaska	/əlaskə/	ə
7. rattle	/ratəl/	antler	/antlər/	n
8. king	/kiŋ/	pink	/piŋk/	p
9. mole	/mOl/	limo	/limO/	i
10. beret	/bərA/	baker	/bAkər/	k
11. Sawyer	/söyər/	oyster	/öystər/	t
12. bell	/bel/	elbow	/elbO/	O
13. furrow	/fərO/	gopher	/gOfər/	g
14. llama	/lämə/	alarm	/älärm/	r
15. beater	/bEtər/	battery	/batərE/	a
16. Rocky	/räkE/	marquis	/märkE/	m
17. trophy	/trOfE/	Fritos	/frEtOz/	z

Step 3. Read the extra phonemes in order. This gives /EjipšənpiktOgramz/, which in English is **EGYPTIAN PICTOGRAMS**.

Step 4. Solve this clue to get the answer, **HIEROGLYPHICS**.