

Pompeian Graffiti - Most Pompeian "Wall work" used an alphabet similar to, but not the same as the Roman alphabet we know. Using the supplied transcription, figure out as many letters as you can!

(e) "Doggerel..." From the baths. This is an example of the epigrams regarding love, most of which start with *quisquis amat...*, found everywhere in Pompeii. They are often poorly written, the meter incorrect, the spelling sometimes so poor as to render them unintelligible.

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Quisquis amat, valeat; perest qui nescit amare;  
 bis tanto perest, quisquis amare vetat.

INVIDIOSE QUI RUPERES, SEDARE NOLI FORMOSIOREM  
 ET QUI EST HOMO PRAVISSIMUS ET BELLUS.

Invidiose, quia ruperes, sedare noli formosiore  
 et qui est homo pravissimus et bellus.

You so-and-so! Just because you're all broken up,  
 don't cut down someone who's handsomer than you, a  
 better lover, and attractive to the ladies, too.

How many of these letters can you figure out. Since the graffiti are by different people, there may be some variation

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| a = | e = | i = | o = | s = |
| b = | f = | k = | p = | t = |
| c = | g = | l = | q = | u = |
| d = | h = | m = | r = | x = |
|     |     | n = |     |     |

Now figure out this line

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Transcription: