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Can you translate these figures from the oracle bones script into numbers? The first one has been done for you.

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Now see if you can write these numbers as they would have been written during the Shang Dynasty!




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Have a look at some of the pictographs from the writing found on the oracle bones from the Shang Dynasty, then complete these sentences with the pictograph you think fits the phrase the best.

The Shang kings carved questions onto  shells to divine the future.

Only the  could tell farmers when to plant their crops.

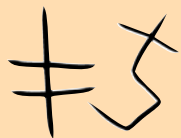
Farmers raised domestic animals, such as sheep,  and dogs.

People cooked their food on an open  in bronze or clay pots.

Children often helped their parents by collecting  from the river.

Now see if you can write translate these figures from the oracle bone script to numbers, or vice versa.

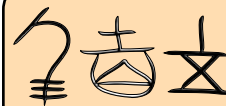




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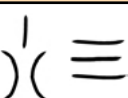
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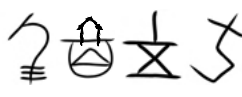
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What do you think the number 14 would have been in the oracle bone script?

What do you think the number 90 would have been in the oracle bone script?

What do you think the number 18 would have been in the oracle bone script?

What do you think the number 19 would have been in the oracle bone script?

What do you think the number 300 would have been in the oracle bone script?

What do you think the number 800 would have been in the oracle bone script?