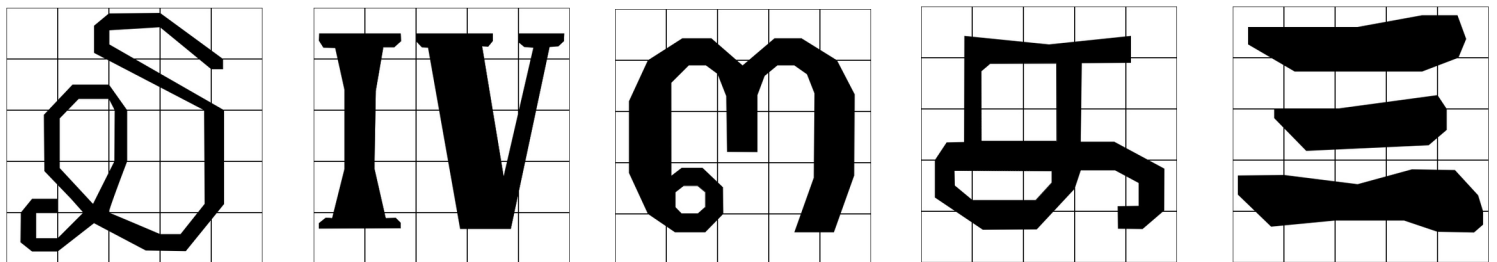


Pictocryptolists – Solution

Each page shows one key word and eleven phrases with blanks that are completed by that word, all encrypted by symbols. The decrypted key words and phrases for the five lists are as follows:

WATCH	FACE	HAND	PASS	TIME
A JOY TO ____	BALD-____D LIE	A BIRD IN THE ____	COME TO A PRETTY ____	A DEVIL OF A ____
A ____ED POT NEVER BOILS	____ THE CONSEQUENCES	AN EXTRA PAIR OF ____S	GIVE A FREE ____	A RACE AGAINST ____
____ LIKE A HAWK	____ THE MUSIC	DON'T BITE THE ____ THAT	HEAD OFF AT THE ____	AHEAD OF ONE'S ____
____ ONE'S STEP	____ TO ____	FEEDS YOU	LIKE SHIPS THAT ____ IN THE	BETTER LUCK NEXT ____
____ OUT FOR	FALL FLAT ON ONE'S ____	GET OUT OF ____	NIGHT	BORROWED ____
____ THE CLOCK	FOX____ RABBITFISH	____ OVER FIST	____ JUDGMENT	CATCH AT A BAD ____
____ WITH AN EAGLE EYE	JUST ANOTHER PRETTY ____	____ TO ____ COMBAT	____ MUSTER	IN THE NICK OF ____
____ YOUR BACK	LOSING ____	____YMAN	____ THE BUCK	IT'S JUST A MATTER OF ____
____ YOUR MOUTH	POKER ____	LEND A ____	____ WITH FLYING COLORS	ONCE UPON A ____
____ YOUR P'S AND Q'S	TAKE AT ____ VALUE	LIVE FROM ____ TO MOUTH	QUICK TO ____	QUALITY ____
____ YOUR SIX	TWO-____D	ON THE OTHER ____	SUR____ EXPECTATIONS	THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE
		QUICK-IN-THE-____	THIS TOO SHALL ____	RIGHT ____
		(JEWELWEED)		

The flavor text (and careful observation) indicate that each list contains all 26 letters **except Z**. Arranging the symbols for the remaining 25 letters in a square grid in alphabetical order (first row ABCDE, etc.) reveals that each set of symbols forms an image:



Lao 3

Roman 4

Thai 3

Tamil 1

Chinese 3

As the captions show, each image is in fact a numeral from a numeral system from around the world. Indexing into the key words using these numerals yields five letters:

- WATCH (3) → T
- FACE (4) → E
- HAND (3) → N
- PASS (1) → P
- TIME (3) → M

which spell out the answer: **TEN PM**