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Soon the alphabet was sailing the Mediterranean Sea, for the Phoenicians were great sailors and traders, and part of their cargo was a newly discovered export – the \mathbf{ABC} .

That's why I, Book, would like to salute the Phoenicians not just for the beautiful purple dye they exported, known as Phoenician purple, but also for phonetics, which is the study of the sounds of human speech.

