

### ■ Research tasks

- A What is boustrophedon writing and when was it used?
- B What kind of writing system is Hangul, where is it used and how are words written on the page?
- C The majority of symbols (QWERTY) on a keyboard used with a computer or typewriter belong to an alphabetic system. What about other symbols on the keyboard such as @, %, &, \$, \*, +? Are they alphabetic, syllabic, logographic or ideographic? How would you describe other special symbols such as ♪, ☺, ☹, ♥, ©, ☠, or :-)?
- D In the accompanying illustration there is a copy of a letter described in Jensen (1969). The letter is from a young woman of the Yukagirs who live in northern Siberia. The woman (c) is sending the letter to her departing sweetheart (b). What do you think the letter is communicating? Who are the other figures? What kind of 'writing' is this?

