

***arkō** Runic: 𐌱 𐌶 𐌵 Pronunciation: /'ar.koː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

chest, box, coffer

Etymology

Borrowed early from Latin *arca*. The original secular sense is preserved in Germanic beside the biblical use ‘Noah’s ark’; compare Old English *earc*, whose biblical sense reflects Latin *arca* in the Vulgate (Bosworth & Toller 2014: s.v. *arc*, *earc*). Latin *arca* belongs to the Italic family of *arceō* and *arx*, ultimately connected with Proto-Indo-European root **h₂erk-*; *arca* may continue Proto-Italic **arkā-* < PIE *h₂erk-eh₂*, though its precise derivational history within Italic is uncertain (de Vaan 2008: 50–51).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	arkō	arkōz
Acc.	arkō	arkōz
Gen.	arkōz	arkô
Dat.	arkōi	arkōmaz
Inst.	arkō	arkōmiz
Voc.	arkō	arkōz

Descendants

***arku** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***arka** (Old Dutch)

arke (Middle Dutch)

ark (Dutch)

***arku** (Proto-West Germanic)

earce, earc, erc, ærc (Old English)

arke, ark (Middle English)

ark (English)

airk (Scots)

***arku** (Proto-West Germanic)

arke (Old Frisian)

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arka, arca, archa (Old High German)

arke, arc, arche, arch (Middle High German)

Arche (German)

Arch (Luxembourgish)

***arku** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***arka** (Old Saxon)

arke, arche (Middle Low German)

𐳵 𐳹 𐳚 𐳜** (arku**) (Proto-Norse)

ork (Old Norse)

ork (Faroese)

örk (Icelandic)

ark (Norwegian Bokmål)

𐳵 𐳹 𐳚 𐳜** (arku**) (Proto-Norse)

ork (Old Norse)

ark (Old Swedish)

ark (Swedish)

arkki (Finnish)

𐳵 𐳹 𐳚 𐳜** (arku**) (Proto-Norse)

 ***arkku** (Proto-Finnic)

𐌱𐌹𐌵𐌰 (**arka**) (Gothic)

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