

***beura** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'beɹ.rã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

beer

Etymology

Uncertain. Probably from Proto-Indo-European **b^hreuwh₁-ró-m* ‘brewing, brewed drink’, a deverbial noun from **b^hrewh₁-* ‘to boil, brew’, with Proto-Germanic **beura* arising by dissimilation from earlier ***breura*. Less likely is the reconstruction ***beuza*, usually derived with PIE **b^héus-o-* ‘yeast, dregs, ferment’, since both the semantics and the morphological pathway are less straightforward. ([Kroonen 2013](#)) makes a strong argument against ***beuza*, since the -z- would cause R-umlaut in Old Norse, giving ***býr*; compare Proto-Germanic **deuzaz* > ON *dýr* (expected outcome with -z-) and **flōraz* > ON *flórr* (expected outcome with -r-).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	beura	beurō
Acc.	beura	beurō
Gen.	beuras, biuzis	beurô
Dat.	beurai	beuramaz
Inst.	beurō	beuramiz
Voc.	beura	beurō

Descendants

***beur** (Proto-West Germanic)

bior, bier (Old Dutch)

bier (Middle Dutch)

bier (Dutch)

beer (Limburgish)

***beur** (Proto-West Germanic)

bēor, bīor (Old English)

bere, beere (Middle English)

beer (English)

bere, beir, beer (Scots)

***beur** (Proto-West Germanic)

biār (Old Frisian)

Bjoor (Saterland Frisian)

bier (West Frisian)

***beur** (Proto-West Germanic)

bior, pior (Old High German)

bier (Middle High German)

Bier, Biär, Pier (Alemannic German)

Bia, Bäia (Bavarian)

Bier (German)

Bier (Pennsylvania German)

ביר (bir) (Yiddish)

***beur** (Proto-West Germanic)

bior, pior (Old High German)

bier (Middle High German)

Bier, Beer (Central Franconian)

Béier (Luxembourgish)

***beur** (Proto-West Germanic)

bior (Old Saxon)

bêr (Middle Low German)

Beer, Bier (Low German)

Bea (Plautdietsch)

bjórr (Old Norse)

bjór (Faroese)

bjór (Icelandic)

bjor (Norwegian)

bjor, bör (Swedish)

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