

*faimnijō

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Pronunciation: /'fɑɪm.ni.jō:/

noun · feminine · ōn-stem

Meanings

young woman, maid, maiden

Etymology

From *faimō ('maiden, girl') + *-(i)jō (femininizing suffix), variant of *faimijō ('young woman, maid, maiden'). This variant gives credence to an original *men-stem for this *faim- complex, *péyh₂-m̥ ~ *pih₂-mén-s, from root *peyh₂- ('swell (with milk); to be swollen, fat').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	faimnijō	faimnijōniz
Acc.	faimnijōnu	faimnijōnunz
Gen.	faimnijōniz	faimnijōnô
Dat.	faimnijōni	faimnijōmaz
Inst.	faimnijōnē	faimnijōmiz
Voc.	faimnijō	faimnijōniz

Descendants

*faimnijā (Proto-West Germanic)

fæmne (Old English)

***faimnijā** (Proto-West Germanic)

fāmne, fēmne, fomne, fonna, fovne, fone (Old Frisian)

Fauene, Fauende (Saterland Frisian)

feem, faam, faamne (West Frisian)

***faimnijā** (Proto-West Germanic)

fāmne, fēmne, fomne, fonna, fovne, fone (Old Frisian)

fonne (Middle English)

fun, fond (English)

***faimnijā** (Proto-West Germanic)

fāmne, fēmne, fomne, fonna, fovne, fone (Old Frisian)

***fonne, *fone** (Middle Low German)

Foon (Low German)

***faimnijā** (Proto-West Germanic)

fāmne, fēmne, fomne, fonna, fovne, fone (Old Frisian)

faamen, fomen, foomen, faamel, fōmel (North Frisian)

fāmele (Middle Low German)

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