

***felþuz** Runic: 𐌿𐌚𐌸𐌰𐌿 Pronunciation: /'fɛl.θuz/

noun · masculine · u-stem

Meanings

field, plain

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **pélth₂-u-* (‘level surface, flatness’), the e-grade stem of an o/e-acrostatic u-stem abstract **pólth₂-u* ~ **pélth₂-u-s*, derived from **pléth₂-u-s* ~ **pl̥th₂-éu-s* (‘broad, flat, level’), from root **pleth₂-* (‘to spread out, become broad’). Cognate with Sanskrit पृथु (*pr̥thú-*) (pr̥thú-, ‘broad, wide’), Avestan 𐬨𐬀𐬭𐬀𐬰 (*pərəθu-*) (pərəθu-, ‘broad’), and Ancient Greek πλατύς (*platús*) (platús, ‘broad, flat’). The semantic development was ‘flat, level’ → ‘level surface, plain’ → ‘field, cultivated flat ground’ ([Widmer 2004](#)).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	felþuz	filþiwiz
Acc.	felþu	felþunz
Gen.	felþauz	filþiwō
Dat.	filþiwi	felþumaz
Inst.	felþū	felþumiz
Voc.	felþu	filþiwiz

Descendants

*felþ, *felþu (Proto-West Germanic)

felt, feld, ueld (Old Dutch)

velt (Middle Dutch)

veld (Dutch)

*felþ, *felþu (Proto-West Germanic)

felt, feld, ueld (Old Dutch)

velt (Middle Dutch)

veld (Dutch)

veld (Afrikaans)

veld (English)

*felþ, *felþu (Proto-West Germanic)

feld (Old English)

feld, feeld (Middle English)

field (English)

fielth, felth, feilth, feld, feild (Scots)

*felþ, *felþu (Proto-West Germanic)

feld (Old Frisian)

Fäild (Saterland Frisian)

fjild (West Frisian)

*felþ, *felþu (Proto-West Germanic)

feld (Old High German)

vëlt (Middle High German)

Fald (Alemannic German)

Fejd (Bavarian)

Feld (German)

Fald, Feld, Fell (Rhine Franconian)

פֿעלד (feld) (Yiddish)

*felþ, *felþu (Proto-West Germanic)

feld (Old Saxon)

velt (Middle Low German)

felt (Danish)

Feld (Low German)

felt (Icelandic)

Feld (Low German)

felt (Norwegian)

Felt (Plautdietsch)

fält (Swedish)

***fjalðr** (Old Norse)

fialder (Old Swedish)

***pëlto** (Proto-Finnic)

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