

***ferrai** Runic: 𐌺𐌿𐌹𐌹𐌰 Pronunciation: /'fɛr.raɪ/

adverb

Meanings

far, distant

Etymology

([Kroonen 2013](#)) derives this from Proto-Indo-European **per-n-óy* (locative), from root **per-* ('before, in front; first') with the geminate -rr- from Kluge's Law. ([Dunkel 2014](#)) takes a slightly different route, deriving it from Proto-Indo-European **pér-ero-* ('farther, beyond, on the far side'), a nominal derivative of the particle/pronominal stem **per-* 'forward, through, beyond', yielding Proto-Germanic **ferera-* and, by syncope/contraction, adverbial **ferrai* 'far, far from'. He notes a possible cognate in Tocharian B *parna*, *parra*, and Tocharian A *pärne*, an adverb meaning 'outside, outwards'.

Descendants

***ferrē, *ferrō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ferro (Old Dutch)

verre (Middle Dutch)

ver, verre (Dutch)

ver (Afrikaans)

***ferrē, *ferrō** (Proto-West Germanic)

feorr, feor (Old English)

fer, feor, for, fur, feer, ver, veir, far (Middle English)

far (English)

faur (Scots)

***ferrē, *ferrō** (Proto-West Germanic)

fir, fer (Old Frisian)

***ferrē**, ***ferrō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ferro (Old High German)

verre (Middle High German)

***ferrē**, ***ferrō** (Proto-West Germanic)

fer, **ferr**, **ferro** (Old Saxon)

verre (Middle Low German)

𐳚𐳞𐳚𐳞** (fere**) (Proto-Norse)

fjarri (Old Norse)

fjarri (Faroese)

fjarri (Icelandic)

fiærre (Old Swedish)

𐳚𐳞𐳚𐳞** (fere**) (Proto-Norse)

𐳚𐳞𐳚𐳞𐳚𐳞** (ferana**) (Proto-Norse)

fjern (Danish)

fjern (Norwegian Bokmål)

fjern (Norwegian Nynorsk)

𐳚𐳞𐳚𐳞** (fere**) (Proto-Norse)

𐳚𐳞𐳚𐳞𐳚𐳞** (ferana**) (Proto-Norse)

fiærran (Old Swedish)

fjärran (Swedish)

𐌺𐌹𐌹𐌺𐌹 (**fairra**) (Gothic)

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