

***fersnō** Runic: 𐌿𐌺𐌰𐌶𐌴𐌹𐌸𐌰 Pronunciation: /'fɛr.snɔ:/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

heel

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **tpérsneh2* ('heel'), possibly from **t(s)pērH-* ('to kick with the heel'; a possible compound of **pd-* ('foot') + **sperH-* ('to beat, kick')) + **-sneh₂* (used to form nouns denoting an object) (de Vaan 2008). Cognates are Ancient Greek *πτέρνη* (*ptérnē*, 'heel; hoof; heel of a shoe; footstep'), Sanskrit *पार्श्व* (*pārṣṇi*) (*pārṣṇi*, 'the heel'), Persian *پاشنه* (*pâšne*, 'heel of the foot'), and Latin *Latin perna* ('a haunch or ham together with the leg').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	fersnō	fersnôz
Acc.	fersnō	fersnôz
Gen.	fersnôz	fersnō
Dat.	fersnōi	fersnōmaz
Inst.	fersnō	fersnōmiz
Voc.	fersnō	fersnôz

Descendants

***fersnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fersna (Old Dutch)

versene (Middle Dutch)

verzen, vaars (Dutch)

***fersnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fiersn (Old English)

***fersnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fersana, fersna (Old High German)

vërsene, vërsen, vërse (Middle High German)

Ferschn (Bavarian)

Ferse (German)

Feescht (Luxembourgish)

***fersnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fersna (Old Saxon)

vërsene, vërse (Middle Low German)

𐍠𐍺𐍩𐍺𐍴𐍠 (**fairzna**) (Gothic)

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