

***fimf** Runic: 𐌸 | 𐌿 | 𐌺 Pronunciation: /'fɪmɸ/

numeral

Meanings

five

Etymology

From pre-Germanic *pémpe, with an irregular consonant change of the second *-p- from Proto-Indo-European *pénkwe (‘five’), due to a sporadic change of PIE *kw > *p after resonants in words starting with a labial ([Kroonen 2013](#)); the expected form would have been **finhw. Cognates are Old Albanian pensë, Old Armenian հիւզ (hing), Lithuanian penkì, Irish cúig, Ancient Greek πέντε (*pénte*) (pénte), Avestan 𐬨𐬀𐬯𐬭𐬀 (*paŋca*) (paŋca), Latin quīque, and Proto-Tocharian *p'ǎñcǎ, all meaning ‘five’. Possibly related to *funstiz (‘fist’) and *fingraz (‘finger’).

Descendants

***fimf** (Proto-West Germanic)

fif, **vif** (Old Dutch)

vijf (Middle Dutch)

vief (Limburgish)

***fimf** (Proto-West Germanic)

fif, **vif** (Old Dutch)

vijf (Middle Dutch)

vijf (Dutch)

vyf (Afrikaans)

***fimf** (Proto-West Germanic)

fif (Old English)

five, **fife**, **fif**, **fyve**, **vif**, **vive** (Middle English)

five (English)

five, fif, fife, fyve (Scots)

***fimf** (Proto-West Germanic)

fif (Old Frisian)

fieuw (Saterland Frisian)

fiif (West Frisian)

***fimf** (Proto-West Germanic)

fimf (Old High German)

vinf, vūnf (Middle High German)

foif, föif, füüf, fünf (Alemannic German)

fimf (Bavarian)

fönnef, fennef, fief (Central Franconian)

fönff (East Central German)

fünf (German)

fënnef (Luxembourgish)

fimf (Pennsylvania German)

פֿינף (finf) (Yiddish)

***fimf** (Proto-West Germanic)

fif (Old Saxon)

vîf (Middle Low German)

fief (Plautdietsch)

***fimf** (Proto-West Germanic)

fif (Old Saxon)

vîf (Middle Low German)

fief (Low German)

fief, fiew, fiev (Low German)

𐋀 | 𐋝 (**fim**), 𐋀 | | (**fim**), **fimm** (Old Norse)

fimm (Faroese)

fimm (Icelandic)

fem (Norwegian Nynorsk)

𐋀 | 𐋝 (**fim**), 𐋀 | | (**fim**), **fimm** (Old Norse)

fæm (Old Danish)

fem (Danish)

fem (Norwegian Bokmål)

𐋀 | 𐋝 (**fim**), 𐋀 | | (**fim**), **fimm** (Old Norse)

fæm (Old Swedish)

fem (Swedish)

𐌲𐌹𐌺𐌰 (fɪmf) (Gothic)

fyuf (Crimean Gothic)

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