

***finkiz** Runic: 𐌿 | 𐌺 | 𐌾 | 𐌿 Pronunciation: /'fɪŋ.kiz/

noun · masculine · i-stem

Meanings

finch

Etymology

Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **(s)ping-i-s* from **(s)ping-* ('small bird, chaffinch'), likely of onomatopoeic origin. The s-mobile appears to be active in Proto-Germanic in Swedish *spink* ('sparrow, small slender bird'), Norwegian *spikke* (a kind of bird), and English dialectal *spink* ('chaffinch') ([van Veen & van der Sijs 1997](#)). Possible cognates include Ancient Greek *σπίγγος* (*spíngos*) (*spíngos*, 'chaffinch'), Welsh *pinc* ('finch, chaffinch; but with unexplained retention of initial p-') ([Thomas et al. 1950](#)), and Russian *пénка* (*pénka*, 'leaf-warbler').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	finkiz	finkīz
Acc.	finkj	finkin̥z
Gen.	finkīz	finkijô
Dat.	finkī	finkimaz
Inst.	finkī	finkimiz
Voc.	finki	finkīz

Descendants

***finki** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***fink** (Old Dutch)

vink (Middle Dutch)

vink (Dutch)

***finki** (Proto-West Germanic)

finc, **finċ** (Old English)

fink, **fynche**, **fynch**, **finch** (Middle English)

finch (English)

phink, **finch** (Scots)

***finki** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***fink** (Old Frisian)

Fink (Saterland Frisian)

fink (West Frisian)

***finki** (Proto-West Germanic)

finc, **fink** (Old High German)

***finki** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***fink** (Old Saxon)

vink (Middle Low German)

finke (Danish)

Fink (Low German)

finke (Norwegian Bokmål)

fink (Swedish)

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