

***finnaz** Runic: ᚠ | ᚠ | ᚠ | ᚠ Pronunciation: /'φin.naz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

Sami

Etymology

Uncertain. ([Lindroth 1917](#)) disputes the typical *finþana (‘to find’) origin via an alleged agent noun meaning ‘seeker, wanderer, nomad’, as morphologically and historically doubtful: the earliest external forms, Tacitus’ Fenni and Ptolemy’s Φίννοι (phinnoi), point directly to *finn- rather than to an expected form with a dental at such an early stage of borrowing. The name may instead have originated as a northern Proto-Germanic personal name turned ethnonym based on, or secondarily associated with, a locality/terrain name: Finn- (cf. Danr/Dane, Eistr/Estonian), but regards the ultimate meaning as obscure.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	finnaz	finnōz, finnōs
Acc.	finna	finnanz
Gen.	finnas, finnis	finnô
Dat.	finnai	finnamaz
Inst.	finnō	finnamiz
Voc.	finn	finnōz, finnōs

Descendants

***Finn** (Proto-West Germanic)

Finn, Finnas (Old English)

Fins (English)

finnr (Old Norse)

finnur (Faroese)

Finnur (Icelandic)

finnr (Old Norse)

finn (Norwegian)

fin (Danish)

finn (Norwegian Bokmål)

finnr (Old Norse)

finne (Danish)

finne (Norwegian Bokmål)

finnr (Old Norse)

finne, finnar (Old Swedish)

finne (Swedish)

Finne (German)

finne (Norwegian Nynorsk)

Φίννος (Phínnos) (Ancient Greek)

Fennus, Finnus (Late Latin)

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