

***fērō** Runic: 𐌿𐌽𐌹𐌶 Pronunciation: /'fɛ:.rɔ:/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

danger

Etymology

From a lengthened grade root of Proto-Indo-European **per-* (‘to try, dare, risk’) with the semantic shift being ‘malicious attempt, stalking’ → ‘danger’ → ‘fear’ ([Pokorny 1959](#)). Compare Old Armenian փորձ (p’orj, ‘attempt’), Ancient Greek *πεῖρᾱ* (*peîră*) (peîră, ‘trial’) ([Orel 2003](#)).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	fērō	fērōz
Acc.	fērō	fērōz
Gen.	fērōz	fērō
Dat.	fērōi	fērōmaz
Inst.	fērō	fērōmiz
Voc.	fērō	fērōz

Descendants

*fār, *fāra (Old Dutch)

vāre, vaer (Middle Dutch)

fær, gefær (Old English)

fer, fere, feer (Middle English)

fear (English)

fere, feir, fear (Scots)

***fāra, fār** (Old Saxon)

vāre, vār, gevār, gevêr, gevêre (Middle Low German)

fare (Danish)

Gefahr (Low German)

fare (Norwegian Bokmål)

fare (Norwegian Nynorsk)

***fāra, fār** (Old Saxon)

vāre, vār, gevār, gevêr, gevêre (Middle Low German)

fara (Swedish)

vaara (Finnish)

***fār, fāra** (Old High German)

vāre, vār, gevāre (Middle High German)

Gefor (Luxembourgish)

***fār, fāra** (Old High German)

vāre, vār, gevāre (Middle High German)

Fahr, Gefahr (German)

Gefahr (Low German)

Gefoar (Saterland Frisian)

געפער (gefer) (Yiddish)

***fār, fāra** (Old High German)

vāre, vār, gevāre (Middle High German)

Fahr, Gefahr (German)

gevaar (Dutch)

gefaar (West Frisian)

𐍠𐍥𐍲𐍳𐍰 (fērja) (Gothic)

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