

***hwō** Runic: 𐌺𐌿𐌶 Pronunciation: /'xʷɔ:/

pronoun

Meanings

how, with what, by what means; instrumental of *hwaz

Etymology

From a form of Proto-Indo-European *k^wos, *k^wís. Compare Latin quō ('where(to); why; so that') (Proto-Italic *k^wō) and Ancient Greek πῶ (*pō*) (pō, 'ever'), Ionic Greek κῶ (kō) (Proto-Hellenic *k^wō). Equivalent to *hwaz ('what') + *-ō (instrumental ending).

Descendants

***hwō** (Proto-West Germanic)

huo (Old Dutch)

hoe (Middle Dutch)

hoe (Dutch)

woe (Limburgish)

***hwō** (Proto-West Germanic)

hū, hwu (Old English)

how, hou, howe, hu, hwu, whu, wou, wu (Middle English)

how (English)

hoo (Geordie)

hoo, how, foo (Scots)

fowe, how (Yola)

***hwō** (Proto-West Germanic)

hū, hō (Old Frisian)

wo (Saterland Frisian)

hoe, hoe't (West Frisian)

***hwō** (Proto-West Germanic)

hū, hō (Old Frisian)

? (North Frisian)

hü (Mooring)

***hwō** (Proto-West Germanic)

hwio (Old High German)

wie (German)

wéi (Luxembourgish)

wi (Vilamovian)

***hwō** (Proto-West Germanic)

hwō, hwuo, hū (Old Saxon)

wō, wû (Middle Low German)

wo (Low German)

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