

**\*knībaz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'kni:.βaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

## Meanings

1. pincers; shears
2. knife

## Etymology

A nominal formation, with quasi-Indo-European form \*ǵneyb<sup>h</sup>-o(n)-, perhaps from an unattested \*knībaną, itself related to \*knippōną ('to pinch'); see there for more.

## Declension

| Case  | Singular       | Plural         |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Nom.  | knībaz         | knībōz, knībōs |
| Acc.  | knībaą         | knībanz        |
| Gen.  | knības, knībīs | knībô          |
| Dat.  | knībai         | knībamaz       |
| Inst. | knībō          | knībamiz       |
| Voc.  | knīb           | knībōz, knībōs |

## Descendants

\***knīb** (Proto-West Germanic)

| \***cnīfus** (Vulgar Latin)

\***knīb** (Proto-West Germanic)

\***cnīf** (Old Dutch)

**cnijf** (Middle Dutch)

**knijf** (Dutch)

\***knīb** (Proto-West Germanic)

**cnīf** (Old English)

**knyf, knif** (Middle English)

**canif** (French)

**knyfe, knife** (Scots)

**kunnife** (Yola)

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**cnīf** (Old English)

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**knife** (English)

**nefi** (Sranan Tongo)

\***knīb** (Proto-West Germanic)

\***knīf** (Old Frisian)

? (North Frisian)

**kniif, knyf, knyft** (West Frisian)

\***knīb** (Proto-West Germanic)

\***knīb** (Old High German)

**knîp, knîf** (Middle High German)

**Kneip, Knifte** (German)

**Knäip** (Luxembourgish)

\***knīb** (Proto-West Germanic)

\***knīf** (Old Saxon)

**knîf** (Middle Low German)

**Knief** (German Low German)

**knief, kniiv, knif** (Low German)

**Kjnief** (Plautdietsch)

\* < ʀ | ʁ ʀ ʁ (\***knibar**) (Proto-Norse)

**knífr** (Old Norse)

**kniv** (Danish)

**knaiv** (Elfdalian)

**knívur** (Faroese)

**kneiv** (Gutnish)

**hnífur, knífur** (Icelandic)

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**knífr** (Old Norse)

? (Norwegian)

**kniv** (Norwegian Bokmål)

**kniv** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

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**knīver** (Old Swedish)

**knif, kniv** (Swedish)

\* < ʃ | ʃ ʃ ʃ (\***knibar**) (Proto-Norse)

\***nijpē** (Proto-Samic)

? (Eastern Samic)

**ныййпъ (nyjɟpʼ)** (Akkala Sami)

**nijbe** (Inari Sami)

**ныййп (nyjɟp)** (Kildin Sami)

**neiʼbb** (Skolt Sami)

**nijjbe** (Ter Sami)

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\***nijpē** (Proto-Samic)

? (Western Samic)

**nijbbe** (Lule Sami)

**niibi** (Northern Sami)

**nijjbe** (Pite Sami)

**nejpie** (Southern Sami)

**nijbbie** (Ume Sami)

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