

***kweþuz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'kwe.θuz/

noun · masculine · u-stem

Meanings

1. belly, stomach
2. womb

Etymology

Of disputed origin.

Orel, reconstructing the Germanic as *kwiþuz, prefers to derive the term from Proto-Indo-European *g^wih₃-tu-s (and thus formally identical to Proto-Celtic **bitus* ('world')), from *g^weyh₃- ('to live'), with a similar semantic shift "life" > "belly" as seen in Proto-Slavic **živòtъ* ('life; belly').

Kroonen is skeptical of the putative semantic shift required, and leaves the origin open.

Older theories deriving the word from a Proto-Indo-European *g^wet-, *gūt- ('swelling, rounding; stomach, gut'), from Proto-Indo-European *g^wu-, *gū- ('to bend, curve, bow, camber, vault, distend'), appear formally unconvincing.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	kweḡpuz	kwipiwiz
Acc.	kweḡpū	kweḡpunz
Gen.	kweḡpauz	kwipiwô
Dat.	kwipiwī	kweḡpumaz
Inst.	kweḡpū	kweḡpumiz
Voc.	kweḡpu	kwipiwiz

Descendants

cwiḡp (Old English)
 (in compound: kidenere, kidnere
 kite, kidney (English)
 kyte (Scots)

cwiḡp (Old English)
 ***kid, *kit** (Middle English)
 kite, kidney (English)
 kyte (Scots)

cwiḡpa (Old English)
 (in compound: kidenere, kidnere
 kite, kidney (English)
 kyte (Scots)

cwiḡpa (Old English)
 ***kid, *kit** (Middle English)
 kite, kidney (English)
 kyte (Scots)

cwedeḡle (Old English)
 (in compound: kidenere, kidnere
 kite, kidney (English)
 kyte (Scots)

cwedele (Old English)

***kid, *kit** (Middle English)

kite, kidney (English)

kyte (Scots)

***kweth** (Old Saxon)

quede (Middle Low German)

quiti (Old High German)

chwadilla, kwedilla, quedilla (Old High German)

kutel (Middle High German)

Kuttel, Quaddel (German)

quoden (Old High German)

chwadilla, kwedilla, quedilla (Old High German)

kutel (Middle High German)

Kuttel, Quaddel (German)

kviðr (Old Norse)

kviður, kvið (Faroese)

kviður (Icelandic)

kwith (Old Danish)

kviðr (Old Norse)

qviper (Old Swedish)

kved (Swedish)

𐌿𐌿𐌺𐌺𐌰 (qīþus) (Gothic)

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