

***lewô²** Runic: ᚠᚠᚦᚨ Pronunciation: /'le.wɔː/

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

lion

Etymology

From Latin leō. This form can be reconstructed from the Gothic and West Germanic forms. Old Norse seems to have re-borrowed the term from a Romance language, and the expected form *lé is not attested. Most West Germanic languages lengthened the first vowel, yielding *lēwō, although both forms can be reconstructed.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	lewô	lewaniz
Acc.	lewanꝥ	lewanunz
Gen.	liwiniz	lewanô
Dat.	liwini	lewammaz
Inst.	liwinē	lewammiz
Voc.	lewô	lewaniz

Descendants

*lewō (Proto-West Germanic)

lēo (Old English)

***lewō** (Proto-West Germanic)

lēwo (Old Dutch)

lêwe (Middle Dutch)

lieëf, liew (Limburgish)

lêeuw (West Flemish)

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leeuw (Dutch)

leeu (Afrikaans)

leeuw (Negerhollands)

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lew (Sranan Tongo)

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lau, lööw (North Frisian)

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𐌷𐌹𐍅𐌰 (**laiwa**) (Gothic)

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