

***newun** Runic: 𐌺𐌿𐌸𐌹𐌺 Pronunciation: /'ne.wun/

numeral

Meanings

nine

Etymology

From earlier *newunt, from Proto-Indo-European **h₁néwn̥* (‘nine’), with -t added through influence of *tehun (‘ten’). Some descendants supposedly reconstruct a variant *negun instead. This presents an isolated case of wu undergoing dissimilatory fortition to gwu (creating the Pre-Germanic form *negwunt necessary for explaining this discrepancy). This change must've happened quite early on in history, as it underwent a regular application of Boukólos rule, showing the gwu losing the w before u, becoming gu (just like other labiovelars in this position) and also regular loss of word final unstressed Pre-Germanic t (which from the word-final consonant of the Proto-Indo-European ancestor term being d in most cases, but in this case was excrescently added via influence from *tehun (‘ten’) as mentioned above).

Descendants

*neun (Proto-West Germanic)

nigun (Old Dutch)

nēgen (Middle Dutch)

nege (Limburgish)

negen (Zealandic)

*neun (Proto-West Germanic)

nigun (Old Dutch)

nēgen (Middle Dutch)

negen (Dutch)

nege, neë (Afrikaans)

			neigin (Aukan)
			negn (Berbice Creole Dutch)
			nêxe (Jersey Dutch)
			negen, neegen, negon (Negerhollands)
			negen (Skepi Creole Dutch)

***neun** (Proto-West Germanic)

	nigun (Old Dutch)
	nēgen (Middle Dutch)
	negen (Dutch)
	neigi (Sranan Tongo)
	neígi, neni (Saramaccan)

***neun** (Proto-West Germanic)

	nigon, nigen, nigan, niogen, nygon (Old English)
	nyne, nine, nin, niȝen, neghen, neyen, nyen, niwon, niȝhenn (Middle English)
	nine, nein (English)
	nine, neen, nyn, nyne (Scots)
	neen (Yola)

***neun** (Proto-West Germanic)

	niugun, nigun, niogen (Old Frisian)
	? (North Frisian)
	njuugen, njúgen (Saterland Frisian)
	njoggen (West Frisian)

***neun** (Proto-West Germanic)

	niun (Old High German)
	niun (Middle High German)
	nüün, nin, nine (Alemannic German)
	? (Bavarian)
	neun (German)
	néng (Luxembourgish)
	naojn (Vilamovian)
	נײַן (nayn) (Yiddish)

***neun** (Proto-West Germanic)

	nigun, nigon, nigen (Old Saxon)
	negen (Middle Low German)
	näajen (Plautdietsch)

***neun** (Proto-West Germanic)

nigun, nigon, nigen (Old Saxon)
negen (Middle Low German)
nägen (Low German)
negen (German Low German)

𐌺 𐌺 (niu) (Proto-Norse)
níu, nío (Old Norse)
niu (Elfdalian)
níggju (Faroese)
nei, neie, näiu, neiã (Gutnish)
níu (Icelandic)
ni (Norn)
ni, nio, nie, niu (Norwegian Nynorsk)

𐌺 𐌺 (niu) (Proto-Norse)
níu, nío (Old Norse)
ni (Old Danish)
ni (Danish)
ni (Norwegian Bokmål)

𐌺 𐌺 (niu) (Proto-Norse)
níu, nío (Old Norse)
nīo (Old Swedish)
nio (Swedish)

𐌺𐌺𐌺 (niun) (Gothic)

nyne (Crimean Gothic)

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