

***silubrą** Runic: ᚱ | ᚲ | ᚲ | ᚲ | ᚲ | ᚲ | ᚲ Pronunciation: /'si.lu.βrǎ/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

silver

Etymology

Uncertain. Likely a Wanderwort of non-Indo-European origin. Compare Proto-Slavic *sъrebro, Latvian sudrabs, Lithuanian sidābras, Latgalian sudobrys, Basque zilar, Proto-Berber *a-ẓrəf, Celtiberian silabur "money".

A Semitic origin has been suggested (Akkadian 𒍪𒍪𒍪𒍪 (ṣur-pu-um /ṣurpum/, 'silver'), from 𒍪𒍪𒍪𒍪𒍪 (ša-ra-pu-um /šarāpum/, 'to smelt or refine')). However, at least one scholar has considered this phonologically and geographically improbable.

The replacement of hypothetical Pre-Germanic *urguntóm from Proto-Indo-European *h₂rǵntóm (which would have resulted in **urkundą had it survived in the language) in Proto-Germanic has been thought to be linked to increasing metallurgical sophistication.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	silubrą	silubrō
Acc.	silubrą	silubrō
Gen.	silubras, silubris	silubrô
Dat.	silubrai	silubramaz
Inst.	silubrō	silubramiz
Voc.	silubrą	silubrō

Descendants

***silubr** (Proto-West Germanic)

silver (Old Dutch)

silver (Middle Dutch)

zêlver (Limburgish)

***silubr** (Proto-West Germanic)

silver (Old Dutch)

silver (Middle Dutch)

zilver (Dutch)

silwer (Afrikaans)

silfer (Caribbean Javanese)

sinibat, chinebat, chinibat (Loup A)

sehn patt, sen pett (Mahican)

shulpul (Munsee)

silver, zelva, selvu (Negerhollands)

solfer (Skepi Creole Dutch)

silpël (Unami)

***silubr** (Proto-West Germanic)

silver (Old Dutch)

silver (Middle Dutch)

zilver (Dutch)

sorfu, solfru, sorfru (Sranan Tongo)

sólófu, sóófu (Saramaccan)

***silubr** (Proto-West Germanic)

seolfor, seolfer, seolofof, siolfor, siolufr, silofr, sylfor, sylfur (Old English)

silver, selver, sylver, seolver, sulver, soelver (Middle English)

siwer (English)

silver, siller (Scots)

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silver (English)

silva (Jamaican Creole)

hiriwa (Maori)

isiliva (Zulu)

***silubr** (Proto-West Germanic)

selover, selver (Old Frisian)

Salwer (North Frisian)

Sälver (Saterland Frisian)

sulver (West Frisian)

***silubr** (Proto-West Germanic)

silbar, silabar (Old High German)

silber (Middle High German)

Süber, Suiber (Bavarian)

Silber (German)

Seleve (Kölsch)

Sëlwer (Luxembourgish)

Silwer (Pennsylvania German)

zylwer (Vilamovian)

זילבער (zilber) (Yiddish)

***silubr** (Proto-West Germanic)

siluvar (Old Saxon)

selver, sulver (Middle Low German)

Sülver, Silver (German Low German)

Selwa (Plautdietsch)

silfr (Old Norse)

silver (Elfdalian)

silvur (Faroese)

sylvar (Gutnish)
silfur (Icelandic)
sylv, silv (Norwegian)
***silpë** (Proto-Samic)
sølver (Scanian)

silfr (Old Norse)

silf, sylf, sølf (Old Danish)
sølv (Danish)
sølvi (Greenlandic)
sølv (Norwegian Bokmål)

silfr (Old Norse)

silver, sylver, sølver (Old Swedish)
silver (Swedish)

sylfr (Old Norse)

silver (Elfdalian)
silvur (Faroese)
sylvar (Gutnish)
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sølv (Norwegian Bokmål)

sylfr (Old Norse)

silver, sylver, sølver (Old Swedish)
silver (Swedish)

silubꝛ (Gothic)

silvir (Crimean Gothic)

***silpë** (Proto-Samic)

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