

***skelfō** Runic: ᚱ ᚱ ᚱ ᚱ ᚱ ᚱ Pronunciation: /'skel.ɸɔ:/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

1. crag, cliff
2. flat surface (e.g. floor, deck, shelf, ledge, etc.)

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **(s)kel(H)-p-*, from **(s)kelH-* ('to cut, split, divide'); compare Latin *scalpō* ('to scratch, carve'). Orel connects the word to **skelbaną* ('to shiver, tremble'), though this is semantically dubious.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	skelfō	skelfōz
Acc.	skelfō	skelfōz
Gen.	skelfōz	skelfō
Dat.	skelfōi	skelfōmaz
Inst.	skelfō	skelfōmiz
Voc.	skelfō	skelfōz

Descendants

*skelfu (Proto-West Germanic)

sċielf (Old English)

***skelfu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***skelfa**, ***skelf** (Old Dutch)

scelf, **scelve** (Middle Dutch)

schelf (Dutch)

***skelfu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***skelfe**, ***skelf** (Old Frisian)

skelf (West Frisian)

***skelfu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***skelfa**, ***skelf** (Old Saxon)

schelf (Middle Low German)

Schelf (German Low German)

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***skilfijā** (Proto-West Germanic)

sċielfe, **sċylfe**, **sċilfe** (Old English)

schelfe, **shelf** (Middle English)

shelf (English)

schelf, **shelf**, **skelf** (Scots)

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schelf, shelf, skelf (Scots)

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skjölf (Icelandic)

skjalf, skjelv, skjev (Norwegian)

Hliðskjǫlf (Old Norse)

skälv, skölv, skjalf, skälf, skiälf (Swedish)

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skjalf, skjelv, skjev (Norwegian)

Hliðskjǫlf (Old Norse)

skälv, skölv, skjalf, skälf, skiälf (Swedish)

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