

***skipa** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'ski.pã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

1. ship
2. any hollow or concave manmade object
3. vessel, tub

Etymology

Uncertain etymology.

One theory derives it from Proto-Indo-European *skēi-b-, *ski-b-, which would be an extension of *skey- ('to cut'). Compare Lithuanian *skiēbti* ('to rip up'), Latvian *šibīt* ('to cut, lop'). A relation to Proto-Germanic *skapjaną ('to create, shape') has been considered related as well, but the phonetics pose difficulties. The original meaning inherited from Proto-Indo-European was likely "hollowed tree", and all daughter languages agree in the meaning "ship", thus the specified meaning "ship" is assumed for Proto-Germanic; however the Old High German word also had the meaning "hollow object" and described various vessels and containers, so the Proto-Germanic word could also have been used in a more generic fashion. Moreover, one meaning does not have to exclude the other by rule. Compare the development of Old Norse *skeið* ('sheath; spoon; ship'), also from an extension of *skey-; cf. also unrelated Latin *vās* ('hollow object'), source of French *vaisseau* ('vessel').

Kroonen instead claims that this word would rather be a loanword from Latin *scyphus* ('drinking vessel').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	skipa	skipō
Acc.	skipa	skipō
Gen.	skipas, skipis	skipō
Dat.	skipai	skipamaz
Inst.	skipō	skipamiz
Voc.	skipa	skipō

Descendants

*skip (Proto-West Germanic)

skip, scip (Old Dutch)

schip, schep (Middle Dutch)

sjeep (Limburgish)

*skip (Proto-West Germanic)

skip, scip (Old Dutch)

schip, schep (Middle Dutch)

schip (Dutch)

skip (Afrikaans)

*skip (Proto-West Germanic)

scip, scyp (Old English)

schip, schup (Middle English)

ship, schip (Scots)

*skip (Proto-West Germanic)

scip, scyp (Old English)

schip, schup (Middle English)

ship (English)

ŝipo (Esperanto)

*skip (Proto-West Germanic)

skip (Old Frisian)

? (North Frisian)

Skip, Schip (Saterland Frisian)

skip (West Frisian)

***skip** (Proto-West Germanic)

skif, skef, scif (Old High German)

schif, schef (Middle High German)

Schiff, Scheff (Bavarian)

Schiff (German)

שיף (shif) (Yiddish)

***skip** (Proto-West Germanic)

skif, skef, scif (Old High German)

schif, schef (Middle High German)

Scheff, Schoff, Schöff (Central Franconian)

Schiff (Hunsrik)

Schëff (Luxembourgish)

***skip** (Proto-West Germanic)

skif, skef, scif (Old High German)

schifo (Old Italian)

skeevy, skeeve (English)

schifo (Italian)

***skip** (Proto-West Germanic)

skif, skef, scif (Old High German)

schifo (Old Italian)

esquif (Middle French)

esquif (French)

***skip** (Proto-West Germanic)

skif, skef, scif (Old High German)

schifo (Old Italian)

esquif (Middle French)

skif (Middle English)

skiff (English)

скиф (skif) (Russian)

***skip** (Proto-West Germanic)

skip (Old Saxon)

schip, schep (Middle Low German)

Schipp (Low German)

Schipp, Schip (German Low German)

Schepp (Plautdietsch)

skip (Old Norse)

skip (Faroese)

skip (Icelandic)

scib (Irish)

skip (Norwegian Nynorsk)

sgioba (Scottish Gaelic)

skip (Old Norse)

skip (Old Danish)

sevv (Scanian)

skip (Old Norse)

skip (Old Danish)

skib (Danish)

skip (Norwegian Bokmål)

skip (Old Norse)

skip (Old Swedish)

skepp (Swedish)

skīn (skip) (Gothic)

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