

***skufta**

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Pronunciation: /'skuɸ.tã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

a bundle, hair

Etymology

From Pre-Germanic *skup-to-s, of uncertain further origin. Pfeifer derives the term from a Proto-Indo-European **(s)kewp-* ('tuft, cluster, hair on the head'), related to Middle High German *schopf* ('tuft, headhair, forehead'), Proto-Slavic **čubъ* ('forelock, crest') (itself of dubious relation to Proto-Slavic **čupъ* ('kink, crook')), and perhaps Albanian *çup* ('without tail, maimed'). Compare to *skaubą and Proto-Indo-European *skub-, *skup-, *skupn- ('to curve, bow, vault'). Kroonen is skeptical of the connection to Slavic, and leaves the origin open.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	skuftą	skuftō
Acc.	skuftą	skuftō
Gen.	skuftas, skuftis	skuftŭ
Dat.	skuftai	skuftamaz
Inst.	skuftō	skuftamiz
Voc.	skuftą	skuftō

Descendants

***skuft** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **skuft** (Old High German)

skopt (Old Norse)

| **skott** (Icelandic)

| **skoft** (Norwegian)

skn̥ƿ (**skuft**) (Gothic)

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