

***spēnuz**

Runic: ᚱᚴᚴᚱᚱᚱ

Pronunciation: /'spɛ:.nuz/

noun · masculine · u-stem

Meanings

1. piece of wood
2. chip, shaving
3. spoon

Etymology

Uncertain. Traditionally compared with Ancient Greek *σφήν* (*sphḗn*) (sphḗn, ‘wedge’) and Sanskrit *स्फ्य* (*sphyá*) (sphyá, ‘flat piece of wood used as a ritual sword’), for a tentative Proto-Indo-European **(s)peH-* (‘to cut off; chip, shaving, log, length of wood’). However, this connection is phonologically impossible, and all of the supposed cognates are themselves of disputed origin.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	spēnuz	spēniwiz
Acc.	spēnų	spēnunz
Gen.	spēnauz	spēniwô
Dat.	spēniwi	spēnumaz
Inst.	spēnū	spēnumiz
Voc.	spēnu	spēniwiz

Descendants

***spānu** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***spān** (Old Dutch)

spâen, spon (Middle Dutch)

spoon (Limburgish)

***spānu** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***spān** (Old Dutch)

spâen, spon (Middle Dutch)

spaan (Dutch)

spaan (West Frisian)

***spānu** (Proto-West Germanic)

spōn (Old English)

spone, spon, sponne, spoon, spoun, spoune, spun, spune (Middle English)

spoon (English)

spuin, speun (Geordie)

spuin, spin, spon, spone, spun, spune (Scots)

spone (Yola)

***spānu** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***spōn** (Old Frisian)

 ? (North Frisian)

Spoune (Saterland Frisian)

spoen, spoan (West Frisian)

***spānu** (Proto-West Germanic)

spān, spanna (Old High German)

spān (Middle High German)

Spään (Alemannic German)

Span (German)

Spoun (Luxembourgish)

***spānu** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***spān, *spōn** (Old Saxon)

spân, spôn (Middle Low German)

spoon (Low German)

spánn (Old Norse)

spån (Danish)

spónur (Faroese)

span, spån (Gutnish)

spánn, spónn (Icelandic)

spon (Norwegian Nynorsk)

spánn (Old Norse)

spān (Old Swedish)

spån (Swedish)

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***pëëna** (Proto-Finnic)

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