

***swerdą** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'swer.ðã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

sword

Etymology

Of disputed origin. Traditionally derived from a Proto-Indo-European **swerd^h*- ('sharp tool'), often taken as an extension of **swer-* ('to hurt'), and compared with Proto-Slavic **svьrdьbь* ('drill, auger'). This is uncertain, however, since all other descendants, such as Proto-Germanic **swerana*, only suggest an original meaning 'to ache, hurt, fester'.

Alternatively, (Nikolaev 2015) suggests derivation from Proto-Indo-European **sw-er*, locative of **seh₂w-* ('sharp') (with a loss of **h₂* between **s* and **w*) and cognate to Luwian [script needed] (šihual-, šiwal-, 'sword'), [script needed] (šiwa-, 'sharp').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	swerdą	swerdō
Acc.	swerdą	swerdō
Gen.	swerdas, swirdis	swerdô
Dat.	swerdai	swerdamaz
Inst.	swerdō	swerdamiz
Voc.	swerdą	swerdō

Descendants

***swerd** (Proto-West Germanic)

swerd, suert (Old Dutch)

swerd (Middle Dutch)

zwerd (Limburgish)

zwoard (West Flemish)

zwaerd (Zealandic)

***swerd** (Proto-West Germanic)

swerd, suert (Old Dutch)

swerd (Middle Dutch)

zwaard (Dutch)

swaard (Afrikaans)

sweerd (Negerhollands)

***swerd** (Proto-West Germanic)

sweord, suord, swyrd, swurd (Old English)

swerd, sword (Middle English)

sword (English)

swuird, swerd, sword (Scots)

***swerd** (Proto-West Germanic)

swerd (Old Frisian)

? (North Frisian)

Swäid, Swid (Saterland Frisian)

swurd (West Frisian)

***swerd** (Proto-West Germanic)

swerd (Old High German)

swerd (Middle High German)

Schwert (German)

Schweert (Hunsrik)

Schwäert (Luxembourgish)

świerd (Vilamovian)

שווערד (shverd) (Yiddish)

***swerd** (Proto-West Germanic)

swerd (Old Saxon)

swerd (Middle Low German)

Sweerd, Schweerd, Schwert (German Low German)

Schwieet (Plautdietsch)

sverð (Old Norse)

svørð (Faroese)

sverð (Icelandic)

sverd, svørd (Norwegian Nynorsk)

sverð (Old Norse)

swærth (Old Danish)

sværd (Danish)

sverd (Norwegian Bokmål)

sverð (Old Norse)

sværþ (Old Swedish)

svärd (Swedish)

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