

***turbz** Runic: ᚠᚢᚱᚷᚰᚹ Pronunciation: /'turbz/

noun · masculine · consonant stem

Meanings

turf, peat

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **derb^h*- ('tuft, grass; to wind, spin'), as tufts of plants tend to cluster and form winding shapes; compare Sanskrit दर्भ (darbhá) (darbhá, 'tuft of grass').

Don Ringe argues that the lack of a-mutation in Old High German shows that zurba must have originally been a consonant stem. In addition, Old English turf clearly shows a consonant-stem declension.

In many of the descendants, the noun was thematized early on enough to cause a-mutation in the descendant forms.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	turbz	turbiz
Acc.	turbu	turbunz
Gen.	turbiz	turbô
Dat.	turbi	turbumaz
Inst.	turbē	turbumiz
Voc.	turb	turbiz

Descendants

***turb** (Proto-West Germanic)

zurft (Old High German)

***turb** (Proto-West Germanic)

***torf**, ***turf** (Old Dutch)

turf, torf (Middle Dutch)

turf (Dutch)

turf (Afrikaans)

***turb** (Proto-West Germanic)

turf (Old English)

turf, turfe, torf, tourfe (Middle English)

turf (English)

turr, truff (Scots)

thrive (Yola)

***turb** (Proto-West Germanic)

torbe (Old French)

tourbe (French)

torba (Catalan)

turba (Galician)

torba (Italian)

turbă (Romanian)

turba (Spanish)

turba (Turkish)

***turb** (Proto-West Germanic)

turf (Old Frisian)

Toarks (Saterland Frisian)

turf (West Frisian)

***turb** (Proto-West Germanic)

***torf**, **turf** (Old Saxon)

torf (Middle Low German)

Torf (German Low German)

***turb** (Proto-West Germanic)

***torf**, **turf** (Old Saxon)

torf (Middle Low German)

Torf (German)

torf (Polish)

turfa (Portuguese)

***turb** (Proto-West Germanic)

***torf, turf** (Old Saxon)

torf (Middle Low German)

Torf (German)

торф (torf) (Russian)

а-т'орф (a-t'orf) (Abkhaz)

տորֆ (torf) (Armenian)

torf (Azerbaijani)

ტორფი (torpi) (Georgian)

торф (torf) (Ossetian)

torf (Old Norse)

tørv (Danish)

torv (Faroese)

torf (Icelandic)

torve (Norman)

torf (Old Norse)

? (Norwegian)

torv (Norwegian)

torv (Norwegian Nynorsk)

torf (Old Norse)

torf, törf (Old Swedish)

torv, torva (Swedish)

torfa (Old Norse)

tørv (Danish)

torv (Faroese)

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torv (Norwegian)

torv (Norwegian Nynorsk)

torfa (Old Norse)

torf, törf (Old Swedish)

torv, torva (Swedish)

***turbas** (Proto-Finnic)

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