

***werka²** Runic: 𐌵𐌿𐌿𐌾𐌰 Pronunciation: /'wer.kã/
noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

rope or cord, especially one made of hemp

Etymology

Uncertain. Perhaps from Proto-Indo-European **werǵʰ-nó-* (> pre-Germanic **werkka-*), from **werǵʰ-* ('to bind, squeeze'), whence also **wurgijana* ('to strangle'). Alternatively, from Proto-Indo-European **wer* (k/ǵ)-*nó-*, from a root **wer*(k/ǵ), and cognate with Welsh *cywarch* ('hemp, rope').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	werka	werkō
Acc.	werka	werkō
Gen.	werkas, wirkis	werkô
Dat.	werkai	werkamaz
Inst.	werkō	werkamiz
Voc.	werka	werkō

Descendants

***werk** (Proto-West Germanic)

***werk** (Old Dutch)

werc (Middle Dutch)

werk (Dutch)

warq (French)

***werk** (Proto-West Germanic)

***werk, *wirk** (Old Frisian)

Wäierk, Wierk (Saterland Frisian)

wurk (West Frisian)

***werk** (Proto-West Germanic)

werh, werah, werc, werk (Old High German)

werc, werch, werich (Middle High German)

Werg (German)

***werk** (Proto-West Germanic)

***werk** (Old Saxon)

werk, wark (Middle Low German)

værk (Danish)

verk (Norwegian)

***värka** (Proto-Finnic)

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