

***wēpną** Runic: 𐰪𐰆𐰚𐰩 Pronunciation: /'wɛ:p.nã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

weapon

Etymology

Of uncertain origin.

Based on the variant form *wēbna (whence Old Norse vámn, Old English wæmn), Kroonen derives both from an earlier noun *wēbō, itself from an iterative verb *wappōna ('to wave, shake') (whence Old English wafian ('to wave'), Old High German waben, wappen ('to waver, shake'), Dutch wapperen ('idem')). Said verb is thought to be either sound-symbolic or related to Proto-Germanic *webana ('to weave').

Other theories tentatively compare Tocharian B *yepe* (*knife*) (knife); if so, both may derive from a Proto-Indo-European form such as *wēbnom or *wēben.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	wēpną	wēpnō
Acc.	wēpną	wēpnō
Gen.	wēpnas, wēpnis	wēpnō
Dat.	wēpnai	wēpnamaz
Inst.	wēpnō	wēpnamiz
Voc.	wēpną	wēpnō

Descendants

***wāpn** (Proto-West Germanic)

wāpan (Old Dutch)

wapen (Middle Dutch)

wapen (Dutch)

***wāpn** (Proto-West Germanic)

wǣpn, wǣpen, wǣmn (Old English)

wepen, wepne, wepyn, wapon, weapon, wepene, wepon, weppen, wapen, wapyn,

wǣpenn (Middle English)

weapon (English)

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wǣpn, wǣpen, wǣmn (Old English)

wepen, wepne, wepyn, wapon, weapon, wepene, wepon, weppen, wapen, wapyn,

wǣpenn (Middle English)

wapyn, wapoun, wappin (Middle Scots)

wappen, wappin (Scots)

***wāpn** (Proto-West Germanic)

***wāpin, wēpin** (Old Frisian)

Woapen (Saterland Frisian)

wapen (West Frisian)

***wāpn** (Proto-West Germanic)

wāfan (Old High German)

wāfen, wapen (Middle High German)

Waafe (Alemannic German)

װאָפֿן (vofn) (Yiddish)

***wāpn** (Proto-West Germanic)

wāfan (Old High German)

wāfen, wapen (Middle High German)

? (Central Franconian)

Waff (Hunsrik)

Waff (Luxembourgish)

***wāpn** (Proto-West Germanic)

wāfan (Old High German)

wāfen, wapen (Middle High German)

Waffe (German)

Waffe (German Low German)

***wāpn** (Proto-West Germanic)

wāpan (Old Saxon)

wāpen (Middle Low German)

Wapen, Wopen (German Low German)

***wāpn** (Proto-West Germanic)

wāpan (Old Saxon)

wāpen (Middle Low German)

wāpen (Middle High German)

Wappen (German)

vápn (Old Norse)

wapen, waken- (Elfdalian)

vápn, vákn (Faroese)

vopn, vokn (Icelandic)

vápn, våpen, våknhus, våkenhus (Norwegian Nynorsk)

vápn (Old Norse)

wapen (Northern Middle English)

wapyn, wapoun, wappin (Middle Scots)

wappen, wappin (Scots)

vápn (Old Norse)

wāpn, wākn (Old Danish)

vaben (Scanian)

vápn (Old Norse)

wāpn, wākn (Old Danish)

våben (Danish)

våpen (Norwegian Bokmål)

vápn (Old Norse)

vapn (Old Gutnish)

vapen (Gutnish)

𐍄𐍅𐍆𐍋𐍃 (**wēpn**) (Gothic)

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