

Reconstruction:Proto-Germanic/kunją



This Proto-Germanic entry contains **reconstructed words and roots**. As such, the term(s) in this entry are not directly attested, but are hypothesized to have existed based on comparative evidence.

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Proto-Germanic

Pronunciation

- IPA^(key): /'kun.jǎ/

Etymology 1

From Pre-Germanic **ǵn̥h₁-yo-m*, from Proto-Indo-European **ǵenh₁-* (“to beget, to give birth”).^[1]

Noun

***kunją** ^[1]

- kin, family, clan

Inflection

Declension of **kunją* (neuter a-stem)

	singular	plural
nominative	*kunją	*kunjō
vocative	*kunją	*kunjō
accusative	*kunją	*kunjō
genitive	*kunjas, *kunis	*kunjō

dative	*kunjai	*kunjamaz
instrumental	*kunjō	*kunjamiz

Derived terms

- *kuningaz

Descendants

- Old English: cynn
 - Middle English: kin, kyn, ken, kun
 - English: kin
 - Scots: kin
- Old Frisian: kenn, kin
 - North Frisian: kinne, kenne
- Old Saxon: kunni, cunni
 - Middle Low German: künne
- Old Dutch: cunni
 - Middle Dutch: cunne, conne, kunne
 - Dutch: kunne
- Old High German: kunni, chunni
 - Middle High German: künne, konne, kunne
 - German: Künne, Kunne
- Old Norse: kyn
 - Icelandic: kyn
 - Faroese: kyn
 - Norwegian: kjønn
 - Old Swedish: kyn
 - Swedish: kön
 - Danish: køn
 - Westrobothnian: tjön, tjyn
- Gothic: K𐌺𐌺𐌺 (kuni)
- → Finnic: *kunnia
 - Finnish: kunnia

Etymology 2

From Pre-Germanic **ǵneh₃-yo-m*, from Proto-Indo-European **ǵneh₃-* (“to know”).^[2]

Noun

***kunją** ^[2]

1. omen, portent, miracle

Inflection

Declension of *kunją (neuter a-stem)

	singular	plural
nominative	*kunją	*kunjō
vocative	*kunją	*kunjō
accusative	*kunją	*kunjō
genitive	*kunjās, *kunis	*kunjō
dative	*kunjai	*kunjamaz
instrumental	*kunjō	*kunjamiz

Descendants

- Old Norse: kyn
- → Finnic: *koneh (“magic”) (*Pre-Germanic borrowing*)
 - Finnish: kone (“machine”)
 - Karelian: koneh

References

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