

Cognates & Sound Changes

| Gothic | Old English | PDE | Old Norse | German |
|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| anþar | ōþer | other | annarr | andere |
| bōka | bōc | book | bók | Buch |
| ðaúr | duru | door | dyrr | Tür |
| *gans | gōs | goose | gás | Gans |
| haítan | hātan | hight | heita | heißen |
| haubiþ | heafod | head | hǫfuð | Haupt |
| hauhs | heah | high | há | hoch |
| hūs | hūs | house | hús | Haus |
| manna | mann | man | maðr | Mann |
| mēnōþs | mōnaþ | month | mánaðr | Monat |
| namō | nama | name | nafn | Name |
| skip | scip | ship | skip | Schiff |
| smiþōn | smiþian | smithy | smíða | schmieden |
| stains | stān | stone | steinn | Stein |
| timrjan | timbrian | timber | timbra | zimmern |
| twai | twēgen | two | tveir | zwei |
| twalif | twelf | twelve | tólf | zwölf |
| þáirh | þurh | through | – | durch |
| wairþ | weorþ | worth | verð | Wert |
| waúrd | word | word | orð | Wort |
| weif, wīf | wīf | wife | víf | Weib |
| wulfs | wulf | wolf | úlfr | Wolf |

1. What happened to *through* in English?
2. What happened to /w/ before rounded back vowels in North Germanic?
3. What happened to /w/ elsewhere in North Germanic?
4. What happened to <nþ>- and <ns>-combinations in English, and when?
5. What happened to word-final dental fricatives in German?
6. What happened to final /n/ in North Germanic infinitives? Can you guess why?
7. Why do you think a number of Gothic nouns end in -s?
8. Can you explain the Old Norse form *maðr*?
9. What caused the consonant clusters in *timbrian*, *timbra*?
10. What happened to the word for *head* in German? What about English?
11. What other consonant changes can you find for German?