

Cognates & Sound Changes

Gothic	OE	PDE	ON	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
munþs	mūþ	mouth	munnr	Mund
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
þairh	þurh	through	--	durch
wairþ	weorþ	worth	verð	Wert
waúrd	word	word	orð	Wort
weif, wif	wif	wife	vif	Weib
wulfs	wulf	wolf	úlfr	Wolf

1. What happened to *through* in English?
2. What happened to /w/ in North Germanic?
3. What happened to /w/ before rounded back vowels in North Germanic?
4. What happened to <nþ>- and <ns>-combinations in English, and when?
5. What happened to final /n/ in some North Germanic nouns? Can you guess why?
6. What happened to the word for *head* in both English and German?
7. Can you guess what caused the consonant clusters in *timbrian*, *timbra*?
8. What consonant changes can you find for German?