Annotated Swadesh wordlists for the Germanic group (Indo-European family).

Languages included: Gothic [grm-got]; Old Norse [grm-ono]; Icelandic [grm-isl]; Faroese [grm-far]; Bokmål Norwegian [grm-bok]; Danish [grm-dan]; Swedish [grm-swe].

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NOTES

I. Gothic.

All of the Gothic forms extracted from the dictionary [Balg 1887] are thoroughly checked against the actual text corpus [Ulfilas 1896]; most of the individual entries, with the exception of certain super-frequent items ('no', 'I', 'thou', etc.), are accompanied with at least one textual example to confirm their eligibility for inclusion.

Comments may also include some basic grammatical info (such as gender and type of stem for the noun entries). Where known from the XVIth century wordlist compiled by Busbecq, Crimean Gothic equivalents are also listed (although they are quite insufficient, not to mention insecure, to serve as the basis for a separate list).

I.2. Transliteration.

The standard transliteration of the Gothic alphabet into Latin letters is taken as the basis for further transliteration into the UTS. The main differences from the standard notation of Gothic words in most sources are as follows:

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<tr>
<td>e, ê</td>
<td>eː</td>
<td>The Gothic vowels e and o are generally assumed to have been long in most contexts. This length is reflected in the UTS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>o, ô</td>
<td>oː</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ei</td>
<td>iː</td>
<td>There is a general consensus that the digraph ei</td>
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One transcriptional element that has not been introduced concerns the voiced fricatives, traditionally marked in as ƀ, đ, ʒ (= UTS β, δ, γ). It is generally assumed that they were regular positional variants (intervocalic) of the corresponding voiced stops b, d, g, but direct evidence for this in Gothic is missing. We prefer to retain the orthographic transcription b, d, g in order to reduce the number of transcriptional symbols and ensure phonological unity for purposes of automatic analysis.

Only individual forms, included in the main Gothic field of the database or mentioned in the comments section, have been transliterated. Textual examples are always quoted in the standard transliteration of the Gothic alphabet, as represented in the actual data sources that were used.

### II. Old Norse

II.1. General.

The generic term "Old Norse" is here used primarily to denote "Old West Norse", or...
"Old Icelandic". Monuments written in this literary language span across several centuries and several rather distinct genres (the primary difference being between poetry, written in a more archaic and/or stylized language, and prose, more closely reflecting the vernacular standard). In the construction of the wordlist, the following formal criteria were used:

(a) the age of "Old Norse" is marked as the 13th century A.D., since it is generally assumed that the largest corpus of Old Icelandic texts dates from around that period;

(b) prosaic texts are given explicit preference before poetic texts (fortunately, any words that are exclusively encountered in or much more characteristic of poetry than prose are accurately marked in Cleasby & Vigfusson's dictionary, saving the need to peruse textual corpora);

(c) in cases of "transit" synonymy, the factor of frequency of usage of a given word in texts is usually considered as the main argument; where frequencies are hard to determine or comparable, real synonymy is postulated, but such cases form a minority.

The wordlist has been created quite independently of, but later checked against the Old Norse wordlist published in [Bergsland & Vogt 1962]; only a few minor differences were discovered, most of them having to do with the slightly modified semantic standards of the GLD. I am also grateful to Dr. Ilya Sverdlov for valuable advice, drawn from his experience of working on Old Norse texts, on several dubious cases.

Paradigmatic information has not been included on a consistent basis, but gender is always indicated for nouns, different gender forms are adduced for adjectives, numerals, and pronouns when the discrepancies between them are significant, and past tense stems are given for verbs of the "strong" conjugation type.

II.2. Transliteration.

Since, on one hand, the generally employed Latin-based orthography for Old Icelandic is fairly straightforward, and, on the other hand, minute phonetic peculiarities of Old Icelandic pronunciation are not always established beyond doubt (and could vary
depending on the century), we prefer to make as few transliterational changes between Cleasby et al.’s notations and the UTS as possible. The main discrepancies are summarized in the following table:

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<tr>
<td>Ŷ</td>
<td>V:</td>
<td>Vowel length.</td>
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<tr>
<td>y</td>
<td>û</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>æ (ǽ)</td>
<td>ů:</td>
<td>This vowel is always phonetically long.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ø</td>
<td>ů</td>
<td>Spelled as æ in Cleasby’s dictionary.</td>
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<tr>
<td>þ</td>
<td>θ</td>
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<td>j</td>
<td>y</td>
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III. Icelandic.

III.1. *General.*

Two Russian-focused dictionaries of Icelandic, Berkov 1962 and the much more recent Haraldsson 1996, have been used as base references for the compilation of the 100-wordlist for Modern Icelandic. Besides that, dubious cases have been checked against practical usage in various Internet sources; I am also grateful to Dr. Ilya Sverdlov for occasional consultations.

III.2. *Transliteration.*

As per GLD standards, orthographic equivalents of Icelandic words are entered in curly brackets. Orthographic equivalents are also used throughout in the "notes" section. The primary entry, however, is transliterated into UTS according to the following rules:

(a) the basic phonetic form of the Icelandic word is selected from the transcription in [Berkov 1962];
(b) graphic change from the transcription in the dictionary to UTS is minimal (Berkov’s $j$ > UTS $y$; $p$ > UTS $\theta$; $\chi$ > UTS $x$; $q$ > UTS $\gamma$);

(c) however, certain phonetic details have been omitted / changed for convenience. Most importantly, we omit the complex system of Icelandic allophones for voiced / voiceless stops, phonetically realized as semi-voiced ($d$, $b$, etc.) or voiceless aspirated ($t^h$, $p^h$) phones depending on contexts; for the sake of simplicity and readability, for these sounds we always retain their orthographic (historic) notations;

(d) on the other hand, for the vowel system, which has genuinely underwent an impressive transformation from the Old Norse period to modern times, we consistently adduce the phonetic values as per Berkov’s transcription system; thus, graphic $u = \gamma$, $i = \iota$, $i = \dot{i}$; $o = \varrho \sim \chi$, $\delta = ow$, $e = \varepsilon \sim \epsilon$; $ei = \varepsilon\dot{i}$, $\dot{y} = \iota$; $au = \ddot{oi}$, $\alpha = a\ddot{i}$, etc.

IV. Faroese.


Our main source for Faroese has been the mid-size dictionary [Young & Clewer 1985]; additionally, a variety of web resources have been consulted for issues of more accurate transcription, detailed semantics, contextual usage, etc.

I.2. Transliteration.

Transliteration principles mainly follow the rules specified in [Young & Clewer 1985], although, for simplicity purposes, the transcription is not purely phonetical in some points; for instance, the phoneme [r] is not transcribed phonetically as $\dot{r}$, etc.

V. Bokmål Norwegian.

V.1. General.

Literary Norwegian ("Bokmål") is not an easy language to describe in lexicostatistical terms, since it is essentially a "hybrid" of colloquial Norwegian and Danish, with many
words either directly borrowed from Danish or "influenced" by Danish forms (i.e. probably never "replaced" as such in colloquial usage, but reformed in accordance with Danish pronunciation). Things are complicated even further by the existence of several orthographic / orthoepic norms for Bokmål, including a "traditional" variant (where there are even more Danish-like forms) and a "radical" variant (where, on the other hand, some words have been "Norwegized", thus becoming closer to their Nynorsk equivalents). In the current database, the following approach is currently suggested:

(a) "Danish-looking" forms of Bokmål are counted neither as replacements nor as borrowings, but as etymological cognates of the corresponding Germanic forms in other languages, i.e. marked with positive numbers. E.g. such forms as dø 'to die', hånd 'hand' (instead of døy, hanno), etc., are counted as "influenced" by Danish, but not "borrowed" from Danish.

(b) Borrowings from German, such as spise 'to eat', are definitely counted as borrowings and marked with a negative number. Some basic words have also been suggested as borrowings from Swedish, e.g. sky 'cloud', but evidence for that is frequently ambiguous, and most of those words could also count as Danish "borrowings" / "influences". We treat them the same way, i.e. as normal cognates.

(c) We consistently follow the information in the dictionaries of [Arakin 2000] and [Berkov 2006], choosing "default Bokmål" over "traditional Bokmål" (usually same as the ultra-conservative "Riksmål" norm) and "radical Bokmål", although from a lexicostatistical point of view this makes no difference whatsoever (cognition indexes always remain the same if "Danish-influenced" forms are treated the same way as "fully inherited" forms).

V.2. Transliteration.

As per GLD standards, orthographic equivalents of Norwegian words are entered in curly brackets. Orthographic equivalents are also used throughout in the "notes" section. The primary entry is transliterated into UTS according to the following rules:

(a) the basic phonetic form of the Norwegian word is determined by the pronunciation
rules as described in [Arakin 2000: II, 524-528] (the dictionary itself only lists phonetic transcriptions where they are not predictable through orthography; in such cases, we take over the transcribed form as well);

(b) graphic change from the transcription in the dictionary to UTS is minimal (Arakin’s $ʃ$ > UTS š; ç > UTS š; $j$ > UTS y; æ > UTS ü; y > UTS ü); retroflex consonants ($t$, $d$, $n$, $l$), phonetically developing from clusters $rt$, $rd$, $rn$, $rl$, are transliterated as $ʈ$, $ɖ$, $ɳ$, $ɭ$ respectively;

(c) for extra adequacy purposes, high and low pitch accent on root morphemes are marked wherever they are explicitly present in the dictionaries (only in the transcription, not in normative orthography).

VI. Danish.

VI.1. General.

The wordlist is based on Standard Danish (official form of the language, based on the dialect of Copenhagen). All forms have been elicited with the aid of two bilingual dictionaries (Russian-Danish and Danish-Russian), well illustrated by examples of usage; some complex cases were further checked against a variety of Internet sources reflecting literary and colloquial usage.

VI.2. Transliteration.

Since the dictionary [Krymova et al. 2000] includes complete phonetic transcription for all the listed Danish words (as an auxiliary measure to facilitate the complexity of relations between conservative Dutch orthography and actual pronunciation), we have used it as the basis for all primary slot inclusions, keeping further transliteration to UTS standards to an absolute minimum. In the primary slots, forms are adduced in phonetic transliteration and standard orthography. In the notes section, only standard orthographic variants are listed.
VII. Swedish.

VII.1. General.

The wordlist is based on Standard Swedish (the most common form of the language, based primarily on the dialect of Stockholm, as reflected in standard dictionaries of the language). All forms have been elicited with the aid of two bilingual dictionaries (Russian-Swedish and Swedish-Russian), well illustrated by examples of usage; some complex cases were further checked against a variety of Internet sources reflecting literary and colloquial usage.

VII.2. Transliteration.

As in the case of Danish, the dictionary [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a] includes complete phonetic transcription for all the listed Swedish words. This transcription was largely retained in our list, including stress and tonal marks, although a few minor vocalic allophones were merged (e. g. E and e). The source also regularly marks consonantal length with ; we render this with a double consonant when it is reflected in the orthography (e. g. fött {kött} 'meat'), but with a length mark when this is purely a phonetic convention without any orthographic basis (e. g. hœnːd {hund} 'dog').

In the primary slots, forms are adduced in phonetic transliteration and standard orthography. In the notes section, only standard orthographic variants are listed.

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1. ALL

Gothic all-s (1), Old Norse all-r (1), Icelandic adl-yr {allur} (1), Faroese ‘adl-vr {allur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian all {all} (1), Danish a Allison} (1), Swedish all {all} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 21. The word is used in Gothic both in the meaning of ‘totus, whole’ (cf. Mth. 5:29: allata leik þein “all of your body” [Ulfilas 1896: 4]) and ‘omnis, every(one)’ (cf. Mth. 9:35: bitauh lesus baurgs alles “Jesus walked around all the towns” [Ulfilas 1896: 12]).

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 16; Zoega 1910: 10; De Vries 1962: 7. Used both in the meaning of ‘totus, whole’ (in the sg. form all-r) and in the meaning of ‘omnis, every(one)’ (in the pl. form all-ir).

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 63; Berkov 1962: 39. Used both in the meaning of ‘totus, whole’ (in the sg. form allur) and in the meaning of ‘omnis, every(one)’ (in the pl. form allir).

Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 10. Used both in the meaning of ‘totus, whole’ (in the sg. form allur) and in the meaning of ‘omnis, every(one)’ (in the pl. form allir).


2. ASHES

Gothic azg-o: (1), Old Norse ask-a (1), Icelandic ask-a {aska} (1), Faroese ‘ósk-a {ósha} (1), Bokmal Norwegian ask-e {aske} (1), Danish ‘asg-a {ask} (1), Swedish ‘as:k-a {aska} (1).

References and notes:


3. BARK

Old Norse bvrk-r (1), Icelandic bvrk-vr {börkur} (1), Faroese bark {bark} (1), Bokmal Norwegian bark {bark} (1), Danish bauk {bark} (1), Swedish bark {bark} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 92; Zoega 1910: 83; De Vries 1962: 70. Masculine gender; cf. the genitive form bark-ar, dative berk-i.
4. BELLY

Gothic wamb-a (1), Old Norse kvíð-r (2), Icelandic kvíð-yr (kvíður) (2), Faroese buk-yr (búkur) (3), Bokmal Norwegian måg-e (mage) (4), Danish m'axed (mavel) (4), Swedish m'axa (mage) (4).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 528. Fem. gender. Most of the contexts refer to the semantics of 'womb' (referring primarily to the Mother of God), but there are a few passages that confirm the general meaning 'belly' as well, cf. Mk. 7:19: ni galeipā imna in hario, ak in wamba "it does not enter in his heart, but in his belly" [Ulfilas 1896: 32], etc.

It is somewhat hard to establish the difference between wamb-a and its quasi-synonym qifus, glossed in [Balg 1887: 229] as 'womb; stomach'. The latter, however, never translates Greek κοιλον 'belly', and is at least once encountered in the precise meaning 'stomach' (body organ rather than body part), cf. I Tim. 5:23: weinis letil brukjais in qifusp peinis "take a little wine for your stomach" [Ulfilas 1896: 204]. It may, therefore, be surmised that wumba referred primarily to the inside part of the body (which is the required Swadesh meaning), whereas qifus had the polysemous semantics of 'womb / stomach' ('organ inside the belly').

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 364; Zoega 1910: 254; De Vries 1962: 338. Masculine gender. Polysemy: 'belly / womb'. Distinct from magi [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 408], which is predominantly 'stomach' or 'maw', and from ðrumb [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 722] which seems to be a "vulgar" equivalent of 'belly' (Cleasby: "mostly in a low sense, especially of beasts"). Overall, there is some significant contextual overlap between all the three words, but the underlying opposition of 'belly - womb', 'stomach', and 'belly (vulg.)' seems to suggest kvíð-r as the most eligible candidate (contra [Bergslund & Vogt 1962: 117], where 'belly' is still rendered as magi, whereas kvíð-r is glossed as 'less inclusive; womb' - this judgement is not supported well by the data in Cleasby's dictionary, but, perhaps, a more detailed scrutiny is required).


Danish: Krymova et al. 2000: 418; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 105. Polysemy: 'stomach / belly / bowels'. Another synonym is bug [Krymova et al. 2000: 103], usually seen as a more vulgar (and statistically less frequent) equivalent (see the same situation carried over to Bokmål Norwegian). The word abdomen, listed as another equivalent for 'belly' in [Harrit & Harrit 2002: 105], is a specialized anatomical term.

5. BIG
Gothic *mikil*-s (1), Old Norse *mikill* (1) / *stôrr* (2), Icelandic *stórr* (2), Faroese *stôur*-vr {stôurur} (2), Bokmal Norwegian *stôr* (2), Danish *sdoʔt* {stor} (2), Swedish *stör* {stor} (2).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 282. Cf. Mthh. 27:60: *jah faurwalwijands staina mikil-amma* "and, having rolled forward a big (large) stone..." [Ulfilas 1896: 18], etc. Polysemy: 'big / great (of people, etc.)'.

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 427; Zoega 1910: 296; De Vries 1962: 386. Polysemy: 'great / large / tall / much'. Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 596; Zoega 1910: 411; De Vries 1962: 551. The difference between *mikill* and *stôrr* in Old Norse texts is difficult to formalize; overall, from a historical point of view it seems that we are dealing with a case of "transit synonymy", where the original word (*mikill*) is gradually shifting to the marked ("magnificative") meaning 'great', replaced by the new word (*stôrr*) in the basic (neutral) meaning 'big'. However, it cannot be stated with certainty at which precise chronological point the transition was already complete (or, at least, requires very detailed textual research); therefore, we include both words as "quasi-synonyms".

**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 38; Berkov 1962: 709. Cf. also *mikill* 'big' [Berkov 1962: 448]. In Old Norse (cf. notes) the semantic difference between *mikill* and *stôrr* is still rather smudged, but in Modern Icelandic *stôr* seems to have firmly stabilized as the default (neutral) meaning 'big'. That said, this is a situation of lexical replacement from Proto-Germanic to Modern Icelandic rather than to Old Norse, where the old word is still competing with the new one.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 559. Distinct from *mikil* 'great' [Young & Clewer 1985: 20].


6. BIRD
Gothic *fugl*-s (1), Old Norse *fugl* (1), Icelandic *fugl* {fugl} (1), Faroese *fugl*-vr {fuglur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *fugl* {fugl} (1), Danish *fugl* {fugl} (1), Swedish *fågel* {fågel} (1).

References and notes:


**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 177; Zoega 1910: 152; De Vries 1962: 146. Masculine gender.


**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 152. Masculine gender.


7. BITE
Gothic *t-an* (1), Old Norse *bi:t-a* (1), Icelandic *bi:t-a* {bíta} (1), Faroese *bí:t-a* {bíta} (1),
Bokmal Norwegian \textit{bít-e} (\textit{bite}) (1), Danish \textit{bí:t-\textalpha} (\textit{bide}) (1), Swedish \textit{bí:t-a} (\textit{bita}) (1).

References and notes:

\textbf{Gothic}: Balg 1887: 50. Attested in just a single context, but quite reliable, since it translates Greek δακνω ‘to bite’: Galat. 5:15: \textit{i̯p jahai iżwis misko bētip jah fainrōp} “and if you keep biting and accusing each other...” [Ulfilas 1896: 169].

\textbf{Old Norse}: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 64; Zoega 1910: 54; De Vries 1962: 38.

\textbf{Icelandic}: Haraldsson 1996: 308; Berkov 1962: 74. Polysemy: ‘to bite / to be sharp (of knife)’. Distinct from \textit{sting-a} ‘to sting, bite (of insects, etc.)’.

\textbf{Faroese}: Young & Clewer 1985: 44. Polysemy: ‘to bite / to ache / to be sharp (of knife)’.

\textbf{Bokmal Norwegian}: Arakin 2000: I, 108; Berkov 2006: 372. Polysemy: ‘to bite / to be sharp (of knife)’. Distinct from \textit{stikk-e} ‘to sting, bite (of insects, etc.)’.


8. BLACK

Gothic \textit{swart-s} (1), Old Norse \textit{svart-r} (1), Icelandic \textit{svart-\textalpha} {\textit{svartur}} (1), Faroese \textit{svaːšt-\textalpha} {\textit{svartur}} (1), Bokmal Norwegian \textit{svaːt} {\textit{svart}} (1), Danish \textit{sød} {\textit{sort}} (1), Swedish \textit{svaːt} {\textit{svart}} (1).

References and notes:

\textbf{Gothic}: Balg 1887: 415. Attested only once, but in a reliable passage, Mtth. 5:36: \textit{ni magt ain tagl hweit ai ťu swart gataujan} “you cannot make a single hair white or black”. A derived noun is also attested in II Cor. 3:3: \textit{svart-izl} ‘ink (= that which is black)’ [Ulfilas 1896: 415].

\textbf{Old Norse}: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 607; Zoega 1910: 419; De Vries 1962: 565. This seems to have been the most basic and neutral equivalent for ‘black’ in Old Norse. Much less eligible for inclusion are: (a) \textit{blakk-r} (cf. in [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 67]: “\textit{svátr} ... represents the Lat. \textit{niger}; while \textit{blakkr} corresponds to the Lat. \textit{ater} ‘dead or dusky black’”), translated as ‘black, dun-coloured’ in [Zoega 1910: 56] and as ‘pale; yellow-brownish (of horses)’ in [De Vries 1962: 42]; and (b) \textit{blax}, translated as ‘dark blue, livid’ [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 68] (applied to lead, among other things); ‘blue, livid; black’ in [Zoega 1910: 57]; ‘blue, dark, black’ in [De Vries 1962: 42]. Both of these adjectives seem to refer to various dark shades of color, but not to the proverbial ‘black’ as such.


\textbf{Faroese}: Young & Clewer 1985: 573.


9. BLOOD

Gothic \textit{bloːθ} (1), Old Norse \textit{bloːð} (1), Icelandic \textit{bloːð} {\textit{blóð}} (1), Faroese \textit{bloːu}: {\textit{blóð}} (1), Bokmal Norwegian \textit{bluːd} {\textit{blod}} (1), Danish \textit{bloːð} {\textit{blod}} (1), Swedish \textit{bluːd} {\textit{blod}} (1).

References and notes:
10. BONE

Old Norse *bein* (1), Icelandic *bejian* (1), Faroese *bain* (1), Bokmal Norwegian *beijn* (1) ~ *bein* (1), Danish *kn'yl-a* (knogle) (-1), Swedish *ben* (ben) (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Not attested (all of the Evangelical passages in which the word 'bone' is used are missing from the existing manuscripts).

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 55; Zoega 1910: 45; De Vries 1962: 30. Neuter gender. Polysemy: 'bone / leg (from the knee to the foot)' (according to Cleasby, the latter meaning is very rare in Icelandic texts).


**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 34. Neuter gender. Polysemy: 'leg / limb / bone / dead body, corpse (pl.).' Additional synonym: *knota* 'bone, ossicle' [Young & Clewer 1985: 309]. Various contexts and sources show that the old word *bein* is still the default equivalent for the Swadesh meaning.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Arakin 2000: I, 90; Berkov 2006: 355. Definite form: *be(i)en* -et. The orthographic variant *ben* is marked as "traditional Bokmål" in [Berkov 2006] (i.e. identified as a Danish-influenced form), while the "standard" form is given as *bein*, reflecting a more colloquial Norwegian pronunciation. However, [Arakin 2000] clearly identifies the "default" Bokmål variant as *ben*. Clearly a mixed situation here; we list both variants as primary.

**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 336; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 160. Definite form: *knogl-en*. The situation here is complex: most modern dictionaries give two equivalents for the meaning 'bone' - the German borrowing *knogle* as well as the older *ben* [Krymova et al. 2000: 67]. However, analysis of various contexts shows that the main meaning of *ben* in modern Danish is undeniably 'leg'; in the meaning 'bone' it is usually only encountered in bound expressions, compounds, as well as the secondary meaning 'bone (material)' rather than 'bone (part of skeleton)'. It seems safe to assume that *ben* is no longer truly eligible for inclusion on the Swadesh wordlist and should be replaced by *knogle*.


11. BREAST

Gothic *brust-s* (1), Old Norse *bryost* (1), Icelandic *bryoust* (brjóst) (1), Faroese *bröst* (bröst) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *brüst* (bryst) (1), Danish *bröst* (bryst) (1), Swedish *bröst* (bröst) (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 62. Attested in the literal meaning only once, but in a reliable context that clearly refers to (male) chest: Lu. 18:13: *sa motareis... sloh in brusts seinos...* "this publican... beat his breast" [Ulfilas 1896: 86]. Several other contexts feature the figurative
meaning 'inside, inner senses, heart', e. g. Fil. 20: analprapstei meinos brusts in Xristau "refresh my bowels in the Lord" [Ulfilas 1896: 213]. Should be strictly distinguished from barn-s 'lap, bosom' [Ulfilas 1896: 45].

**Old Norse**: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 80; Zoega 1910: 70; De Vries 1962: 57. Neuter gender. No lexical difference between 'male breast' ('chest') and 'female breast'. Polysemy: 'breast / mind, heart, feeling, disposition'.


**Faroese**: Young & Clewer 1985: 62. Neuter gender. Applicable both to 'male breast' ('chest') and 'female breast'. Secondary synonym: bringa 'breast; chest' [Young & Clewer 1985: 61], applicable primarily to male chests. However, evidence that would suggest the lexical usage of these two terms is significantly different from Icelandic is lacking.


**Danish**: Krymova et al. 2000: 100; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 77. Definite form: bryst-et. No lexical difference between 'male breast' ('chest') and 'female breast'. Polysemy: 'breast / heart, soul (fig.)'.

**Swedish**: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 94; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 113. Definite form: bröst-et. No lexical difference between 'male breast' ('chest') and 'female breast'.

12. BURN TR.

Gothic brann-y-an # (1), Old Norse brenn-a (1), Icelandic brenn-a [brenna] (1), Faroese brɛ̃n-a [brenna] (1), Bokmal Norwegian brɛ̃n-e [brenne] (1), Danish brɛ̃n-ə [brænde] (1), Swedish brɛ̃nn-a [brännna] (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic**: Balg 1887: 59. This is a regular causative formation from the intransitive verb brinn-an [Balg 1887: 61], but it is not attested on its own without certain modifying prefixes, e. g. ga-brann-yan in I Cor. 13:3 (jabai atgibau liik mein ei gabrannjaidau "if I give away my body to be burnt" [Ulfilas 1896: 142]). Still, there is little reason to doubt that this root was the main equivalent for 'to burn (tr.)' in Gothic, given that this is the only attested candidate that, additionally, is well supported by external evidence.

**Old Norse**: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 79; Zoega 1910: 69; De Vries 1962: 56. Both transitive and intransitive meanings are attested. Distinct from svið-a 'to burn, to singe; to smart, burn (of a wound)' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 612].


**Faroese**: Young & Clewer 1985: 60. Used in both transitive and intransitive functions.

**Bokmal Norwegian**: Arakin 2000: I, 135; Berkov 2006: 228. Used in both transitive and intransitive functions.


**Swedish**: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 93; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 153. Used in both transitive and intransitive functions.

13. CLAW(NAIL)

Old Norse nagl (1), Icelandic nögl {nögl} (1), Faroese nagogue {naglur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian nɛːl {negl} (1), Danish nøjfl {negl} (1), Swedish n’wːgəl {nagel} (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic**: Not attested.

**Old Norse**: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 445; Zoega 1910: 308; De Vries 1962: 403. Masculine gender; cf. the plural form negl. Cf. nagl-i 'nail, spike' [ibid.].
14. CLOUD

Gothic milx-ma (1), Old Norse skiiː (2), Icelandic skíː {ský} (2), Faroese skvţ {skýggj} (2), Bokmal Norwegian šiiː {sky} (2), Danish sgiiː {sky} (2), Swedish moln ~ mǫln {moln} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 282. Masc. gender; stem in -n- (the final element -ma(n-) is a complex nominal suffix). Cf. Mk. 9:7: wærþ milþna jah ufarskadwida ins “there came a cloud and overshadowed them” [Ulfilas 1896: 76].


Bokmal Norwegian: Arakin 2000: II, 202; Berkov 2006: 504. Definite form: sky-en. According to [Bergsland & Vogt 1962: 117], this form is borrowed from Swedish (technically, it could also be of Danish origin, since both Swedish and Danish preserve original sk-, whereas in colloquial Norwegian sk- > sy-).


Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 461; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 361. Definite form: moln-et. In modern Swedish, this seems to be the basic equivalent for ‘cloud’ rather than sky, going back to the common Scandinavian equivalent for ‘cloud’: this latter term is glossed as ‘thin and light cloud’ in [Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 361] and, with polysemy, as ‘cloud, small cloud / Heavens’ in [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 651].

15. COLD

Gothic kal-d-s (1), Old Norse kal-d-r (1), Icelandic kal-d-yr {kaldur} (1), Faroese k ald-yr {kaldur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian kald (kald) (1), Danish k ɔ l? {kold} (1), Swedish k all (kall) (1).

References and notes:


16. COME
Gothic $k^\omega im$-$an$ (1), Old Norse $kom$-$a$ (1), Icelandic $kxm$-$a$ ($koma$) (1), Faroese $k\omega m$-$a$ ($koma$) (1), Bokmal Norwegian $k\omega mm$-$e$ ($komme$) (1), Danish $k\omega m$-$a$ ($komme$) (1), Swedish $k\omega mm$-$a$ ($komma$) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 225. Cf. Mtth. 6:10: *qimai pindinassus ðeins* "let Your kingdom come" [Ulfilas 1896: 6]; used *passim* all over the text, either all by itself or in combination with various directional prefixes (ana=$k^\omega im$-$an$, etc.).

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: *kommen* 'come' [Costello 1973: 486].


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 11, 312.


17. DIE

Gothic $ga$=$dau\theta$-$n$-$an$ (1) / $swilt$-$an$ (2), Old Norse $deiy$-$a$ (1), Icelandic $deiy$-$a$ ($deiya$) (1), Faroese $d\rangle \rangle \ast$-$a$ ($doyggja$) (1), Bokmal Norwegian $d\circ$:$d\circ$ (1), Danish $d\mathring{o}$:$d\mathring{o}$ (1), Swedish $d\mathring{o}$:$d\mathring{o}$ (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 68. Cf. Mtth. 8:32: *jah gadaun[nomen] in vatnam* "and they (the pigs) perished (died) in the water" [Ulfilas 1896: 10]; Mk. 9:48: *parei maða ize ni gadaun[pi]p* "where their worm does not die" [Ulfilas 1896: 38]. A prefixal formation from the unattested simple verb *$d\xi t\theta$-$n$-$an$*, which is, itself, a derivative from the noun $dau\theta$-$s$ 'death' [Balg 1887: 68]. The even older and simpler verbal base $d\xi n$- 'to die', from which $dau\theta$-$s$ was derived already in Proto-Germanic, is only preserved in Gothic in the archaic idiom *$jata diu$-$an$* "that which is mortal, mortality" [Balg 1887: 72].Balg 1887: 421. Without accompanying prefixes, attested only once, in Lc. 8:42: *jah so swult* "and she was dying" [Ulfilas 1896: 73]. Much more frequently used with the prefix $ga$-, cf. Mtth. 9:24: *ni gasvult so mawi* "this maid is not dead" [Ulfilas 1896: 11]; Mk. 12:22: *spedumista allaize gaswalt jah so qens* "last of all, the woman also died" [Ulfilas 1896: 43].

Although ($ga$=$swilt$-$an$) is attested in the text of Ulfilas much more frequently than $ga$=$dau\theta$-$n$-$an$, it is impossible to establish a transparent semantic difference between the two. There are at least several instances in which both words are found in adjacent contexts, translating the same Greek equivalent. For instance, the phrase "where their worm does not die" is translated as *parei maða ize ni gadaun[pi]p* in Mtth. 9:48, but as *parei maða ize ni gasvult[pi]* in Mtth. 9:44 and 9:46 [Ulfilas 1896: 37]. It is highly likely that one of the words is a "regular" equivalent and the other one is a "stylistic" (euphemistic, polite, etc.) equivalent, but there is hardly any way, based on internal Gothic evidence, to determine which is which. We include both words in the list as "technical" synonyms.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 99; Zoega 1910: 88; De Vries 1962: 76. Cf. the past tense form: *dok*. Secondary synonym: *svellt$\cdot$a* [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 609], with polysemy: 'to starve, suffer hunger / to die'. According to Cleasby, "this sense (to die), which agrees with the use in Gothic and Anglo-Saxon, is disused in the Northern language and remains only in poetry". It seems that (probably just as in the other ancient Germanic languages) we are dealing here with a euphemistic equivalent of the original 'to die', which failed to acquire basic status in Old Norse.


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 82.
18. DOG

Gothic *xund-s* (1), Old Norse *hund-r* (1), Icelandic *hvnd-yr* (*hundur*) (1), Faroese *h’vnd-vr* (*hundur*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *hunn* (*hund*) (1), Danish *hun?* (*hund*) (1), Swedish *hund* (*hund*) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 184. Masc. gender; *a*-stem. Cf. Lc. 16:21: *jah hundos atrinnandans bilaigodedan banjos is* "and the dogs ran up and licked his sores" [Ulfilas 1896: 84].


19. DRINK

Gothic *drïnk-an* (1), Old Norse *drekk-a* (1), Icelandic *drekk-a* (*drekka*) (1), Faroese *dr’ekk-a* (*drekka*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *drik-e* (*drikke*) (1), Danish *drég-a* (*drikke*) (1), Swedish *drïkka* (*dricka*) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 75. Cf. Mtth. 6:31: *hwa matjam aißpau hwa drïgkan* "what shall we eat or what shall we drink?" [Ulfilas 1896: 7].

In Crimean Gothic, a very strange, unetymologized equivalent is attested instead: *kilemsch-* 'to drink' [Costello 1973: 486].


20. DRY

Old Norse *θurr* (1), Icelandic *θyr-rr ~ θyr* (*turrur*) (1), Faroese *t’orr-vr* (*turrur*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *tørr* (*tørr*) (1), Danish *tæʔa* (*tør*) (1), Swedish *tɔrr* (*torr*) (1).
References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested properly. The best (in fact, only) candidate is probably the adjective θɔrs-us [Balg 1887: 465], but its inclusion in the main wordlist is highly problematic, since both this word and the corresponding verbs θɔrs-y-an and ga=θɔrs-n-an [ibid.] are only attested in the text with the semantics of (a) ‘to be dried up, withered’ or (b) ‘to be thirsty’, cf. Mk. 11:20: *gasehwun jana smakkabagun haursjana us waurtim* “they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots” [Ulfilas 1896: 42]. Since the meanings ‘dried up, withered’ and ‘dry (of clothes, etc.)’ are often expressed in Germanic languages with different roots, it is safer to leave the slot empty.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 750; Zoega 1910: 520; De Vries 1962: 627. This adjective is applied to 'food', 'land', 'clothes', etc.


21. EAR

Gothic *aus-o* (1), Old Norse *eir-a* (1), Icelandic *eir-a* {eyra} (1), Faroese *bír-a* {øyra} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *ör-e* {øre} (1), Danish *ø:r-o* {øre} (1), Swedish *ö:r-a* {öra} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 37. Neuter gender; n-stem. Cf. Mk. 4:9: saei habai ausona hausjandona, gahausjai “he that has ears to hear, let him hear” [Ulfilas 1896: 25].


22. EARTH

Gothic *ɛrθ-a* (1), Old Norse *yrd* (1), Icelandic *yörð* {jörð} (1), Faroese *yó:r* {jórd} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *yucd* {jord} (1), Danish *yo?l* { Jord} (1), Swedish *yucd* {jord} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 12. Fem. gender; o-stem. Usually attested with the semantics of ‘earth = world’ (e. g. as opposed to ‘Heaven’), but also in the requested meaning ‘earth = soil (as substance)’, cf. in particular Mk. 4:5: *harei ni habaida air̩a mana* “where it (the seed) did not have much earth” [Ulfilas 1896: 25].

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 327; Zoega 1910: 234; De Vries 1962: 295. Feminine gender. Polysemy: ‘earth (world) / earth (surface) / earth (soil) / pasture / land, estate’. A very close synonym in the meaning ‘earth (soil)’ is *mold* ‘mould; earth’ [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 434], referring to dug-up soil; however, since *yrd* is still actively used in the meaning ‘soil’ as well, we prefer to
treat mold as a more specialized term for now and not include it in the calculations (contra [Bergsländ & Vogt 1962: 117], where mold is taken as the main equivalent).

**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 234; Berkov 1962: 346. Feminine gender. Polysemy: 'earth (world) / earth (surface) / earth (soil) / pasture / land, estate'. The semantic difference between Modern Icelandic jörð and mold 'earth, soil' [Berkov 1962: 455] seems to largely remain the same as in Old Norse times.

**Faroese:** Young & Clever 1985: 283. Feminine gender. Polysemy: 'earth (world) / earth (surface) / earth (soil) / land, property'.


### 23. EAT

Gothic mat-y-an (1), Old Norse et-a (2), Icelandic borð-a {bordá} (3), Faroese 'ect-a {eta} (2), Bokmal Norwegian spise-e {spise} (-1), Danish sb'i:s-a {spise} (-1), Swedish 'çt-a {åta} (2).

**References and notes:**

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 271. This is the most frequent and basic equivalent for the meaning 'eat' in Gothic, cf. Mth. 6:31: ḫwa matjam apfau ḫwa drigung "what shall we eat or what shall we drink?" [Ulfilas 1896: 7]; Mk. 8:9: wesunuþ-pan fai matjandans swe fidwor jusundzos 'and they that had eaten were about four thousand' [Ulfilas 1896: 33]. Sometimes also encountered in the prefixal form ga-mat-y-an. The verb is formally derived from mat-s 'food; meat' [Balg 1887: 272].

Compared to at least two or three dozen reliable instances of mat-y-an, the older verb it-an 'to eat' is only encountered three times, in the following contexts: (a) Lu. 15:16: jah gairnida saal ihan haurne fœei matjandans sweina [Ulfilas 1896: 81] 'and he was willing to eat the husks that the swine were eating' (here the new verb mat-y-an actually translates the Greek form ἔφαγεν 'they were eating', whereas the old verb it-an renders Greek χορτάσθηκεν 'to feed himself, to stuff himself', usually applied to cattle); (b) Lu. 16:21 (a very similar context, translating the same Greek verb); (c) Lu. 17:27, 17:28: etun jah drugkuin "they ate and drank" (said of sinners) [Ulfilas 1896: 85]. The obvious scarcity of these contexts; the specific reference to 'vulgar' situations; and the relatively higher frequency of the complex verb fra-it-an 'to eat up, devour' [Balg 1887: 205] makes it highly probable that the verb it-an in Gothic had already fallen out of "regular" usage, and was rather employed in the 'vulgar' meaning 'to stuff oneself, to devour', whereas the neutral idea of 'eating' was commonly rendered with mat-y-an. For this reason, we do not include it-an on the main list.

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 134; Zoega 1910: 119; De Vries 1962: 106. Distinct from the more specialized mat-s-a-sk 'to eat, take food, take a meal' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 414] (derived from mat-r 'food, meat').

**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 185; Berkov 1962: 87. Secondary synonym (polite usage): suða [Berkov 1962: 671]. One of the few unquestionable cases of lexical replacement from Old Norse to Modern Icelandic (or, at least, its "urban" version): the old equivalent ēra is now restricted to the markedly "vulgar" semantics of 'to eat /of animals/' [Berkov 1962: 150].

**Faroese:** Young & Clever 1985: 12, 106.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Ararkin 2000: II, 237; Berkov 2006: 222. Distinct from et-e 'to eat (of animals; vulg., of person)'. Borrowed from Middle Low German spise 'food' [Falk-Torp 1960: 1124].

**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 636; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 101. The old equivalent ade is only used as a "vulgar" equivalent [Krymova et al. 2000: 798]. Borrowed from Middle Low German spise 'food' [Falk-Torp 1960: 1124].

**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 914; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 148.

### 24. EGG
Old Norse egg (1), Icelandic ɛgg {egg} (1), Faroese ɛgg {egg} (1), Bokmal Norwegian ɛgg {egg} (1), Danish ø/k {æg} (1), Swedish ägg {ägg} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested. Cf., however, Crimean Gothic ada 'egg', presumably reflecting Common Germanic 'ayya- 'egg' [Costello 1973: 486].


25. EYE

Gothic aug-o: (1), Old Norse aug-a (1), Icelandic öy-a {auga} (1), Faroese e:i:y-a {eyga} (1), Bokmal Norwegian öy-e {øye} (1), Danish 'øj-i-o {øje} (1), Swedish 'øg-a {öga} (1).

References and notes:


Preserved in Crimean Gothic: oeghe-ne 'eye' [Costello 1973: 486].


26. FAT N.

Old Norse fit-a (1), Icelandic fi:t-a {fita} (1), Faroese fi:t-i {fiti} (1), Bokmal Norwegian fett {fett} (1), Danish fet {fett} (1), Swedish fett {fett} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested. A very weak candidate is the word smcrthr 'fat(ness)' [Balg 1887: 380], attested once in Rom. 11:17, where it translates Greek πιότης 'fatness' as applied to olive trees. There are, however, no guarantees that the meaning 'animal fat' was expressed by the same word in Gothic.


27. FEATHER

Old Norse fuþr (1), Icelandic fýóður {fjóður} (1), Faroese fyótvur {fjøður} (1), Bokmal Norwegian fyær {fjær} (1), Danish fyøar {fjær} (1), Swedish fyödar {fjäder} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested.


28. FIRE

Gothic fçon (1), Old Norse eld-r (2), Icelandic eld-vr {eldur} (2), Faroese ’eld-vr {eldur} (2), Bokmal Norwegian ild {ild} (2), Danish il? {ild} (2), Swedish el:d {eld} (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 101. Neuter gender; n-stem (gen. fun-in-s, dat. fun-in). Cf. Mtth. 7:19: all bagme... in fon atlagjada "all the trees... are cast into the fire" [Ulfilas 1896: 7].

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 125; Zoega 1910: 111; De Vries 1962: 99. Masculine gender. The old word fyr-r 'fire' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 178] is only found in poetry and poetic compounds, and cannot be considered a basic term.


There is some difficulty in determining the "basic Bokmål" equivalent in this case. In [Berkov 2006: 523], the old equivalent ild and the innovative equivalent varme (< ‘warm’ q.v.) are listed as almost completely interchangeable synonyms. In [Arakin 2000], the primary meaning for ild is given as 'fire, flame' (I, 380), and the primary meaning for varme is listed as 'warmth, heat', with 'fire, bonfire' listed as one of the secondary meanings (II, 426). In Bergsland & Vogt's lists the "basic" equivalent for Riksmål is listed as varme, with the form ild marked as "literary" [Bergsland & Vogt 1962: 117]. Superficial analysis of various textual sources does not allow to reliably "disqualify" ild, and it should also be noted that plenty of non-literary Norwegian dialects still also preserve the old word in the basic meaning 'fire'. At best, the opposition between ild and varme could be regarded as a case of "transit synonymy", but there is no sufficient basis to state that an authentic "lexical replacement" of ild by varme has definitively increased the lexical distance from Bokmål to all other Germanic languages.

29. FISH

Gothic *fisk*-s (1), Old Norse *fisk*-r (1), Icelandic *fisk-yr* (*fiskur*) (1), Faroese *fisk-yr* (*fiskur*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *fisk* (1), Danish *fisk* (1), Swedish *fisk* (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 98. Masc. gender; *a*-stem. Cf. Lu. 5:6: *jah pata tauriandans galkun manageins fiske filu* "and when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes" [Ulfilas 1896: 62].

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: *fisct* 'fish' [Costello 1973: 486].


30. FLY V.

Old Norse *flyug*-a (1), Icelandic *flyuvy*-a (*fljúga*) (1), Faroese *flīgv*-a (*flúgva*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *flü*: (*fly*) (1), Danish *flii:v*-a (*flyve*) (1), Swedish *flüg*-a (*flyga*) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested.


31. FOOT

Gothic *fo:t*-u-s (1), Old Norse *fō:t*-r (1), Icelandic *fō:tu:vr* (*fōtur*) (1), Faroese *fōut-ur* (*fōtur*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *fōt* (1), Danish *fōd* (*fod*) (1), Swedish *fōt* (*fot*) (1).

References and notes:


Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 168; Zoega 1910: 146; De Vries 1962: 139. Masculine gender. Distinct from *legg-r* 'leg' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 380], although the word can be applied to the inclusive meaning 'foot and leg' as well.

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 398; Berkov 1962: 188. Masculine gender. Polysemy: 'foot / foundation'. Distinct from *legg-ur* 'leg' (glossed as 'shank, calf' in [Berkov 1962: 401], but the word is really the semantic equivalent of English *leg*).
32. FULL

Gothic full-s (1), Old Norse full-r (1), Icelandic fydl-yr {fullur} (1), Faroese f'udl-yr {fullur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian full {full} (1), Danish ful {fuld} (1), Swedish foll {full} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 111. Cf. Jo. 12:3: ip sa gards fulls warþ daunais þizos salbonais "and the house was full with the odour of the ointment" [Ulfilas 1896: 109]. Cf. also the derived verbs: full-y-an 'to fill', full-n-an 'to be full, filled' [Balg 1887: 110, 111].


33. GIVE

Gothic gib-an (1), Old Norse gef-a (1), Icelandic ge:v-a {gefa} (1), Faroese ǯ'e:v-a {geva} (1), Bokmal Norwegian yi: {gil} (1), Danish g'i:v-o {give} (1), Swedish ye: {ge} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 133. Cf. Mtth. 6: 11: hlaif unsarana þasa sinteinan gif uns himma daga "our daily bread give to us this day" [Ulfilas 1896: 133]. Clearly the basic word for 'giving' in Gothic, attested quite frequently.


34. GOOD

Gothic go:θ-s (1), Old Norse go:ð-r (1), Icelandic goud-yr {göður} (1), Faroese g'uw-yr
{góður} (1), Bokmal Norwegian gu: {god} (1), Danish goðð ~ goð {god} (1), Swedish gu:d {god} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 138. Genitive: god-is, etc. Cf. Matth. 7:17: all bagme godaize akra na goda gataujih "all good trees produce good fruit" [Ulfilas 1896: 7].


34. Swedish brav: {bra} (-1).

References and notes:

Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 85; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 766. Borrowed from German brav, ultimately from French brave; attested in the language since the 17th century. In the modern spoken language, this borrowing has not completely replaced the inherited word god, but the latter seems to have been somewhat relocated into the sphere of ‘nice, kind’ (said of people), whereas bra is now more frequent in the “neutral-positive” meaning when applied to all sorts of objects.

35. GREEN

Old Norse grön-n (1), Icelandic graydn {grænn} (1), Faroese grönnur {grønur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian grønn {grønn} (1), Danish grøn? {grøn} (1), Swedish grøn {grön} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested (all of the Evangelical passages in which the word ‘green’ is used are missing from the existing manuscripts).


36. HAIR

Gothic tagl (1), Old Norse hær (2), Icelandic hauðr {hár} (2), Faroese hær {hár} (2), Bokmal
Norwegian hår (hår) (2), Danish hår (hår) (2), Swedish hår (hår) (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 424. Neuter gender. Attested thrice: (a) two times in the meaning ‘(a single) hair of the head’, cf. Mtth. 5:36: ni magt aín tagl hweit aílpau svart tagayuan “thou cannot make one hair white or black” [Ulfilas 1896: 4]; Mtth. 10:30: aflpan izwara jah tagla haubidis alla gamapuna sind “but the very hairs on your head are all numbered”; (b) once in the meaning ‘animal hair, fur’, cf. Mk. 1:6: wossup-fan johannes gawasiþs taglan ulbandaus “and John was clothed with camel’s hair”. No other equivalents for ‘hair of any kind’ are attested. Since we know of no cases when a language would use the same root for ‘hair (singulative)’ and ‘animal hair’ vs. a different one for ‘head hair (collective)’, it is safe to assume that all of these sub-meanings were expressed in Gothic by the same word, tagl.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 244; Zoega 1910: 187; De Vries 1962: 210. Neuter gender. Refers both to ‘hair on body’ and ‘hair on the head’, cf. in particular the compound hfuð-hår ‘hair of the head’. Cf. also skær, with interesting polysemy: ‘rim, edge / hair’ [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 565] (Cleasby: “prob. from being cut so as to make a rim round the head...” ...used of men’s hair only...”).


37. HAND

Gothic xand-u-s (1), Old Norse hænd (1), Icelandic hönd {hönd} (1), Faroese hænd {hond} (1), Bokmal Norwegian hønn {hånd} (1), Danish høn? {hånd} (1), Swedish hand {hand} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 159. Feminine gender; u-stem. Cf.: gasaþwandans sumans þize siponje is gamainjaim handum... matjandans hlaibans “when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled hands” [Ulfilas 1896: 31].

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: handa ‘hand’ [Costello 1973: 486].


38. HEAD

Gothic xaubilθ (1), Old Norse hɔfuð (1), Icelandic hɔvνð (höfuð) (1), Faroese hɔdð {hɔvð} (1), Bokmal Norwegian hûd-e {hode} (1), Danish h’ɔvνð ~ h’ɔvð {hoved} (1), Swedish h’ɔvνð...
{huvud} (1).

References and notes:

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: *hoef* 'head' [Costello 1973: 486].

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 223; Zoega 1910: 225; De Vries 1962: 279. Neuter gender. The older form, as is evident from some of Bragi's rhymes, was *haufu* [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 223].


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 23. Shares the same root with, but is still lexically distinct from *haev* 'head; intellect, will, mind; head, chief' [Young & Clewer 1985: 264].


39. HEAR

Gothic *xaus-y-an* (1), Old Norse *heyr-a* (1), Icelandic *heýr-a* (*heyr*al) (1), Faroese *hˈɔir-a* (*hoyra*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *hær-ɛ* (*høre*) (1), Danish *hˈœr-a* (*høre*) (1), Swedish *hˈɔr-a* (*hʊra*) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 165. Cf. Mk. 6:2: *jah managai hausjandans sildaleikitedun* "many of those who heard were astonished" [Ulfilas 1896: 29]. Most of the contexts may be ambiguously analyzed as either 'hear' or 'listen', but there is no evidence that Gothic distinguished between these two meanings lexically.


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 15, 246.


40. HEART

Gothic *xɛrt-o* (1), Old Norse *hyart-a* (1), Icelandic *yart-a* (*hjarta*) (1), Faroese *yˈart-a* (*hjarta*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *yˈɛrt-ɛ* (*hjerte*) (1), Danish *yˈɛrd-ə* (*hjerte*) (1), Swedish *yˈєrt-a* (*hjärta*) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 153. Neuter gender; *n*-stem. Cf. Mtth. 6:21: *þarei auk ist huzd izwar, þaruh ist jah hairtō izwar* "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" [Ulfilas 1896: 6]. Used only in the figurative sense, not in the anatomical one, but there is no reason
to think that the "anatomical heart" could be different.


41. HORN

Gothic xorn # (1), Old Norse horn (1), Icelandic hǫrdn ~ hɔdn {horn} (1), Faroese hɔdn {horn} (1), Bokmal Norwegian hucj {horn} (1), Danish hɔdn {horn} (1), Swedish hucj {horn} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 164. Slightly dubious, since textual attestations are only in figurative meanings: (a) 'horn (instrument)', Lu. 1: 69: *jah urrasida haurn naseinais unsis "and he has raised up a horn of salvation for us" [Ulfilas 1896: 54]; (b) 'husk, fruit of carob-tree', Lu. 15:16. However, external evidence shows that the meanings 'horn (of animal)' and 'horn (instrument)' are rarely distinguished in Germanic languages, so it may be assumed that the same polysemy characterized the Gothic word as well.


42. I

Gothic ik (1), Old Norse ek (1), Icelandic yɛɣ ~ yɛɣ ~ yɛ ~ ye: {έγ} (1), Faroese e: {έγ} (1), Bokmal Norwegian yeɪ ~ ye {jeg} (1), Danish yaj {jeg} (1), Swedish ywɛ ~ yw ~ ya {jag} (1).

References and notes:


42. I

Gothic *mi- / miː-* (2), Old Norse *mi- / meː-* (2), Icelandic *mi- / meː-* (2), Faroese *mi- / me-* (2), Bokmal Norwegian *me-* (2), Danish *mi-* (2), Swedish *mi-* (2).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 199. Indirect stem. The complete suppletive paradigm is: nominative *ik*, genitive *mi-na*, dative *mi-s*, accusative *mi-k*. Cf. also *mi-n-s* ‘my’ (possessive pronoun).

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 124; Zoega 1910: 110; De Vries 1962: 98. Indirect stem. The complete suppletive paradigm is: dative *me-r*, accusative *mi-k*, possessive form *mi-n*.

**Icelandic:** Berkov 1962: 134. Indirect stem. The complete suppletive paradigm is: dative *mi-r*, accusative *mi-g*, possessive form *mi-n*.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 96. Indirect stem. The complete suppletive paradigm is: dative *me-r*, accusative *me-g*, possessive form *mi-n*.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Arakin 2000: II, 540. Indirect stem, present in the accusative case: *me-g* ‘me’. Cf. also the possessive form *mi-n* ‘my’.

**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 427; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 500. Indirect stem, present in the accusative case: *mi-g* ‘me’. Cf. also the possessive form *mi-n* ‘my’.

**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 453; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 806. Indirect stem, present in the accusative case: *mi-g* ‘me’.

43. KILL

Gothic *us=kʷim-an* (1), Old Norse *drepa-a (2) / ban-a* (4), Icelandic *dreþ-p-a (drepa)* (2), Faroese *drœþ-b-a (drepa)* (2), Bokmal Norwegian *drøþ-p-e (drepe)* (2), Danish *drœþ-b-a (dræbe)* (2), Swedish *d’ô:d-a (döda)* (3).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 226. A prefixal verb, consisting of *us= ‘out, out of’ + kʷim-an ‘to come’ q.v. Although it clearly represents a recent euphemism, this is the most stylistically unmarked and frequent (encountered approximately 20 times) equivalent for the meaning ‘kill’ in the entire corpus. Cf. Io. 7:98: Sokolodun ina pai ludaiæis usqiman “the Jews sought to kill him” [Ulfilas 1896: 98] and many more. Several close synonyms are also attested, but all of them are far less frequent, and some may be seen as stylistically marked, e.g.: (a) *marðr-g-an* ‘to kill, murder’ [Balg 1887: 275], used only in those contexts that specially stress the sinful nature of the activity (as in ni maurfrjais “thou shalt not kill” = “thou shalt not murder”, etc.); (b) af-slæh-an ‘to slay, kill’, derived from slæh-an ‘to beat, strike’ [Balg 1887: 376], found only three times, two of them in contexts where it alternates with *us=kʷim-an* (Mk. 12:5, Lu. 20:14), probably to reduce the level of tautology (even though the original Greek text uses the same word ἀποκτείνω in all cases).

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 105; Zoega 1910: 94; De Vries 1962: 83. Polysemy: ‘to beat, hit / to kill’. Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 51; Zoega 1910: 41; De Vries 1962: 25. This verb, unlike *drepa*, means exclusively ‘to kill, slay’, yet it is still hard to determine which one was the more basic and which one was the more stylistically marked equivalent for this meaning in Old Norse. Temporarily, we treat them as technical synonyms.

**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 747; Berkov 1962: 122. Distinct from *myrð-a* ‘to murder’ [Berkov 1962: 463]; the Old Norse verb *ban-a* is listed in [Haraldsson 1996: 747] as a literary equivalent.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 24, 86. Polysemy: ‘to shoot / to stick, push, thrust / to move (of current) / to leak, drip / to kill, slaughter’. The verb *deyð-a* ‘kill, slay’, a causative formation from ‘to die’ q.v., is marked in [Young & Clewer 1985: 79] as typical for the “ballad” register.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Arakin 2000: I, 184; Berkov 2006: 1011.


44. KNEE

Gothic kniu (1), Old Norse kne: (1), Icelandic nyr: ~ kny: {hné ~ kné} (1), Faroese knea: {knæ} (1), Bokmal Norwegian kne: {kne} (1), Danish kne? {knære} (1), Swedish kne: {knä} (1).

References and notes:


45. KNOW

Gothic wit-an (1), Old Norse vit-a (1), Icelandic vit-a {vita} (1), Faroese v’it-a {vita} (1), Bokmal Norwegian vit-e {vite} (1), Danish v’id-a {vide} (1), Swedish v’et-a {veta} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 565. Cf. Jo. 8:14: wait hwaþro qam "I know whence I came" [Ulfilas 1896: 101]. This verb refers to general knowledge of the situation and is thoroughly distinct from kunn-an [Balg 1887: 222] 'to know = be acknowledged with (smth. or, more frequently, someone)', as in Mk. 14:71: ni kunn fana mannan fanei æpp "I do not know this man of whom you speak" [Ulfilas 1896: 47]. According to the semantic criteria of the GLD, only wit-an is eligible for inclusion.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 712; Zoega 1910: 496; de Vries 1962: 669. Polysemy: 'to be conscious / to know / to find out'. The close synonym kunn-a [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 335], as in the other ancient Germanic languages, generally means 'to be acquainted or familiar with, to recognize smth. / smbd.:' with the same root cf. also kunn-a 'to know, understand (of art, skill, knowledge); to know (a person)', etc. General knowledge of the situation in phrases such as "I know that..." seems to be regularly expressed with vit-a in Old Norse.

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 237; Berkov 1962: 865. Polysemy: 'to know / to find out'. Out of several quasi-synonyms with the meaning 'to be acquainted / familiar with smth.', the verb kunn-a is marked in [Haraldsson 1996: 237] as an archaism, and the verb fækkja is a more recent innovation (< Proto-Germanic *bankian ‘to think’).

Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 669. Distinct from kunn-a 'to be able to distinguish or discern; have knowledge of, know, recognize' [Young & Clewer 1985: 293].

Bokmal Norwegian: Arakin 2000: II, 458; Berkov 2006: 282. The close synonyms kjenne and kunne [Berkov 2006: 282], as in the other Germanic languages, generally mean 'to be acquainted with, to recognize, to know how to do smth.,' etc.

and from *kend-* 'to know (be familiar with smbd. or smth.), recognize, be acquainted with' [Krymova et al. 2000: 327].

**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 862; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 193. Distinct from *kunn-* to be able, to know how' [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 384] and from *kän-* to know (be familiar with smbd. or smth.), recognize, be acquainted with; to feel, sense' [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 391].

46. **LEAF**

Gothic *lauf-* (1), Old Norse *blað* (2), Icelandic *blaði* *(blaði)* (2), Faroese *blei:* *(blað)* (2), Bokmal Norwegian *blad (blad)* (2), Danish *blað (blaad)* (2), Swedish *blađ (blađ)* (2).

**References and notes:**

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 237. Masc. gender; a-stem. Cf. Mk. 11:13: *jah gasaitwands smakkahagm färrapro habandan lauf* "and seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves" [Ulfilas 1896: 41] (the word is used in the acc. sg. case, possibly with the collective semantics of 'foliage'); Mk. 13:28: *nuskenand laubos* 'putting forth leaves (branch)' [Ulfilas 1896: 45] (here used in the acc. pl.).

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 66; Zoega 1910: 56; De Vries 1962: 41. Neuter gender. Polysemy: 'leaf / blade'. The difference between *blað* and the very close synonym *lauf* [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 374] is in that *blað* is predominantly applied to 'leaf, leaves' as discreet objects, whereas *lauf* has a more collective semantics ('leaves = foliage'); cf. the compound expression - *lauf-blað* 'a single leaf (of foliage)' (analogous to English *blade of grass*). In [Bergsland & Vogt 1962: 118], *lauf* is given as the default equivalent for 9th century Norse; for the 13th century, *lauf* is defined as 'collective', and the meaning '(single) leaf' is rendered as *lausblað* or simply *blað*.

**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 316; Berkov 1962: 77. Neuter gender. Polysemy: 'leaf / blade'. The difference between *blað* and *lauf* 'leaves, foliage' [Berkov 1962: 397] in Modern Icelandic seems to be largely the same as in Old Norse.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 16, 47. Neuter gender. Polysemy: 'leaf / blade'.


**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 71; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 272. Definite form: *blad-et*. Polysemy: 'leaf / page / blade'. Distinct from *löv* 'leaves, foliage' (collective) [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 435] (the source also indicates the possibility of singulative usage, but this seems rare).

47. **LIE**

Gothic *lig-an* (1), Old Norse *ligg-ya* (1), Icelandic *ligg-ya* *(liggja)* (1), Faroese *lˈvɔj-a* *(liggja)* (1), Bokmal Norwegian *ligg-e* *(ligge)* (1), Danish *lˈeg-a* *(ligge)* (1), Swedish *lˈigg-a* *(ligga)* (1).

**References and notes:**

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 10. Cf. Mtth. 9:2: *atberun du imma uslífan ana ligra ligandan* "they brought to him a gout patient, lying on a bed" [Ulfilas 1896: 10].


**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 316; Berkov 1962: 77. Past tense: *ái*.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 351. Past tense: *ái*. Polysemy: 'to lie down / to rest / to be situated'.


**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 384; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 168. Polysemy: 'to lie / to be situated / to live, dwell'.
48. LIVER
Old Norse lifr (1), Icelandic lífvr {lífur} (1), Faroese lívvr {livur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian lívvr {lever} (1), Danish létvæ {lever} (1), Swedish l'évor {lever} (1).

References and notes:


49. LONG
Gothic lang-s # (1), Old Norse lang-r (1), Icelandic laungr {langur} (1), Faroese l'eng-vr {langur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian laŋ {lang} (1), Danish laŋf {lang} (1), Swedish løn; {lång} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 230. Somewhat dubious, since this adjective is only attested in an auxiliary function, i. e. as part of the temporal constructions 'as long as', 'inasmuch as', cf. Mk. 2:19: swa lagga havila sve miap sis haband bruufal "as long as they have the bridegroom with them..." [Ulfilas 1896: 23], etc. Cf., however, also the derived noun laŋ-e 'length' [Balg 1887: 230], as well as external evidence (the meanings 'long (of time)' and 'long (of space)' are usually expressed by the same root in Germanic); with some reservations, the word can be tentatively included on the list.
Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 372; Zoega 1910: 260; De Vries 1962: 345. Cf. the derived adverbial form: leng-i 'long'. Cf. the quasi-synonymous form síð-r 'long, hanging (of clothes, hair)' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 531], sometimes translated simply as 'long' (e. g. síð-ar hend-r 'long arms'), but overall, clearly a specialized form.

50. LOUSE
Old Norse lús (1), Icelandic lús {lús} (1), Faroese lús {lús} (1), Bokmal Norwegian lús {lús} (1), Danish luðs {lus} (1), Swedish lus {lus} (1).
References and notes:

**Gothic:** Not attested.


**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 89; Berkov 1962: 424. Feminine gender. Polysemy: 'louse / small quantity (of smth.).'


51. **MAN**

Gothic *mann-a* (1) / *wer* (3), Old Norse *karl* (2), Icelandic *kardl ~ kadl {karl}* (2), Faroese *k'adlōr {kallur}* (2), Bokmal Norwegian *mann {mann}* (1), Danish *man? {mand}* (1), Swedish *man: {man}* (1).

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References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 267. Masc. gender; n-stem. Same word as 'person' q.v. None of the many contexts in which this word is attested (see examples under 'person') explicitly contrast this word with *k’ino ~ k’en-s* 'woman' q.v.; such contexts are only available for the word *aba* [Balg 1887: 1], but the latter always refers to 'husband' ('married man') rather than simply 'man', and does not qualify for inclusion.Balg 1887: 516. Masc. gender. Unlike the situation with *aba*, attested contexts do not permit to see clearly the semantic difference between *manna* and *wer*, cf. Lu. 7:20: *qimandans þan at imma þai wairos qeþun* ‘when the men came to him, they said’ [Ulfilas 1896: 68]. The only difference is that *wer* has more restricted usage, being rarely, if ever, applied to 'man (= human being)' in general. Since it has a 'stronger masculine' semantics, it is actually not excluded that a good option would be to equate *manna* with 'person' and *wer* with 'man' on the Swadesh list, but there are no definitive arguments to support such a decision.

Probably preserved in Crimean Gothic: fers 'man' [Costello 1973: 486], although the development ‘w- > f- is unaccounted for (cf. the word for 'wind' q.v., where the original voiced glide remains unchanged).

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 331; Zoega 1910: 236; De Vries 1962: 301. This is the basic Old Norse equivalent for 'man = male human being', as opposed to *kona* 'woman' q.v., although it comes with polysemy: 'man / commoner'. Meanwhile, the older word *verr* [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 698] has generally been specialized to 'husband'.

**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 347; Berkov 1962: 351. This term continues to serve as the main equivalent for 'male human being', cf. *konur og karlar* 'men and women', etc.; Modern Icelandic *maður* is generally employed in the meaning 'person', 'human being (in general)' q.v.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 285. Meaning glossed as 'man, male person'.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Arakin 2000: I, 525; Berkov 2006: 427. Definite form: mann-en. Cf. mann og kvinde 'man and woman'. Same word as 'person' q.v.; also with polysemy: 'man / husband'. According to [Bergsland & Vogt 1962: 118], this word, in all forms of Norwegian (literary and colloquial alike), is a re-borrowing from Swedish *man*. Cf. also *karl* (arch.) ~ *kar* 'male; young man, fellow' [Arakin 2000: I, 414-415].

**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 411; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 191. Definite form: mand-en. Same word as 'person' q.v.; also with polysemy: 'man / husband'.


52. **MANY**

Gothic *manag-s* (1), Old Norse *marg-r* (1), Icelandic *marg-yr {margur}* (1), Faroese *m’eng-vr*
{mangur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian màn-ε {mange} (1), Danish m'æn-ø {mange} (1), Swedish m'.rnn-a {många} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 266. Cf. Mk. 9:10: managai motarjos jah fraouurhtai qimandans "many publicans and sinners came" [Ulfilas 1896: 10]. The semantically similar word filu [Balg 1887: 96] is more generally used as an adverbial ('much', 'very').


Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 339; Berkov 1962: 438. The semantically similar word mikið [Haraldsson 1996: 339] is used as an adverbial ('much', 'very').


Danish: Krymova et al. 2000: 412; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 186. This is the "countable" 'many' (as in 'many people', etc.), distinct from meg-en ~ meg-et 'much, a lot; very' [Krymova et al. 2000: 421].

Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 472; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 295. This is the "countable" 'many' (as in 'many people', etc.), distinct from myck-en ~ myck-et 'much, a lot; very' [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 469].

53. MEAT

Gothic mimz (1), Old Norse kyɔt (2), Icelandic kyö:kt ~ kyɛ:kt {kjött ~ ket} (2), Faroese čɔt {kjøtt} (2), Bokmal Norwegian sjött {kjøttl} (2), Danish kдоров {kjødt} (2), Swedish sjött {køtt} (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 283. Attested only once in the entire corpus, cf. I Cor. 8:13: jabai mats gamarzei bropar, ni natja mimz aiw "if food makes my brother offend, I will never eat any meat" [Ulfilas 1896: 138].

Some additional notes are necessary. Two much more frequent words in Ulfilas' Gothic translations that may sometimes be rendered as 'meat' or 'flesh' are mat-s [Balg 1887: 272] and lik [Balg 1887: 241]. However, mat-s, judging by all the attested contexts, rather refers to 'food' in general (corresponding to the old meaning of 'meat' = 'food, meal' in King James' Bible, and to Greek βρωμα or other words with the same root); cf. also the derivative mat-y-an 'to eat' q.v. As for lik, its basic meaning is 'body', '(flesh of the) body', and it is mainly found applied to the Body of Christ. Additionally, two strong arguments confirm that mimz, despite (accidentally) scarce attestation, was indeed the default word for 'meat' in Ulfilas' Gothic: (a) in this particular context, the word translates Greek κρέας 'meat'; (b) it has also been preserved all the way to Crimean Gothic, as menus 'meat, flesh' [Costello 1973: 486].

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 341; Zoega 1910: 241; De Vries 1962: 313. Neuter gender. In [Bergsland & Vogt 1962: 118], the main equivalent for 'meat' is defined as hold, but this word rather means '(skin and) flesh', e. g. of a human body [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 278]; GLD standards require the meaning 'meat (as food product)', which corresponds much better to kyɔt.


54. MOON

Gothic *mena* (1), Old Norse *tungl* (2), Icelandic *tuŋl* (*tungl*) (2), Faroese *mˈɔani* (*máni*) (1),
Bokmal Norwegian *mɔn-e* (*måne*) (1), Danish *mˈɔn-ɔ* (*måne*) (1), Swedish *mˈoːn-ɔ* (*måne*) (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 278. Masc. gender; *n*-stem. Attested only once, but in a reliable context, cf. Mk. 13:24: jaina sauil riqizeip jah mena ni *gibi* liishap sein “the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light” [Ulfilas 1896: 45]. Somewhat more frequently encountered is the derived noun *men-o-d-s* ‘month’ [Balg 1887: 278].

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: *mine* ‘moon’ [Costello 1973: 495].

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 644; Zoega 1910: 444; De Vries 1962: 601. Neuter gender. The old word *maci* is, according to [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 418], “scarcely used in prose, old or modern, but is poetical or can only be used in certain phrases, for *tuŋl* is the common word”.


**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 375. Masculine gender.


55. MOUNTAIN

Gothic *fərgun-i* (1), Old Norse *fyall* (2), Icelandic *fyadl* (*fyall*) (2), Faroese *fyadl* (*fjall*) (2),
Bokmal Norwegian *fyell* (*fjell*) (2), Danish *byɛɹʔɣ* (*bjerg*) (3), Swedish *bärɪ́y* (*berg*) (3).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 85. Neuter gender; *ja*-stem. Cf. Mtth. 8:1: *dalaþ þan atgaggandin imma af fairgunja* “when he came down from the mountain” [Ulfilas 1896: 9].

Completely different word attested in Crimean Gothic: *rintsch* ‘mountain’ [Costello 1973: 486].


**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 20, 127. Neuter gender.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Arakin 2000: I, 239; Berkov 2006: 158. Definite form: *fjell-et*. Alternate synonym: *berg* ‘mountain’ [Arakin 2000: I, 92]. The semantic difference between *fjell* and *berg* is somewhat obscure; according to [Arakin 2000: I, 92] and [Berkov 2006: 158], the former primarily refers to ‘mountainous areas / chains of mountains, etc.’, whereas the latter is rather ‘a small, separately standing mountain’. More precisely, *berg* may actually simply reflect a more recent re-introduction into the literary language from Danish or Swedish (the word is generally not attested in colloquial varieties of Norwegian).

**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 81; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 73. Definite form: *bjerg-et*. Cf. also *bakke* ‘hill, elevation; mountain’ [Krymova et al. 2000: 54], which seems to refer primarily to less prominent elevations than *bjerg*. The word *fjeld*, glossed in [Krymova et al. 2000: 170] as ‘mountain; hill, elevation; rock’ seems to correspond better to German collective *Gebirge*, i. e. ‘mountainous territory’.
Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 56; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 105. Definite form: berg-et. Distinct from fjäll, which is glossed in [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 166] and in [Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 105] as 'mountain' (primarily referring to Northern Scandinavia and/or outside the forested areas), so presumably berg = 'forest-covered mountain', fjäll = 'bare (rocky) mountain'. Judging by available contexts, fjäll is a more specialized term (e. g. it usually gets rendered with English fell than mountain).

56. MOUTH
Gothic munθ-s (1), Old Norse munr-r ~ muð-r (1), Icelandic munr-ver {munnum} (1), Faroese m’vnn-ver {munnum} (1), Bokmal Norwegian munn {munn} (1), Danish munt {mund} (1), Swedish mũn: {mun} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 290. Masc. gender; a-stem. Cf. Lu. 1:64: usluknoda þan munfs is suns jah tuggo is "his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosened" [Ulfilas 1896: 54].

57. NAME
Gothic nam-o: (1), Old Norse naf-n (1), Icelandic nab-n {nafn} (1), Faroese nau-n {navn} (1), Bokmal Norwegian nav-n {navn} (1), Danish nau?-n {navn} (1), Swedish nam:n {namn} (1).

References and notes:


58. NECK
Gothic xals (1), Old Norse hals (1), Icelandic háls {háls} (1), Faroese h’l:s-vr {hálsur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian hals {hals} (1), Danish hal:s {hals} (1), Swedish hal:s {hals} (1).
59. NEW

Gothic niuyi-s (1), Old Norse nü:-r (1), Icelandic ni:-r (nýr) (1), Faroese n’vɔɔz-vɔr (núggjur) (1), Bokmal Norwegian nú: {nyl} (1), Danish nü? {ny} (1), Swedish nü: {ny} (1).

References and notes:


60. NIGHT

Gothic naxt-s (1), Old Norse nott (1), Icelandic noutt {nótt} (1), Faroese nɔɔt {nát} (1), Bokmal Norwegian natt {natt} (1), Danish nat {næt} (1), Swedish natt {natt} (1).

References and notes:


Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 458; Zoega 1910: 315; De Vries 1962: 405. Feminine gender. Also spelled as natt (according to Cleasby, due to Norwegian influence).

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 400; Berkov 1962: 479. Feminine gender. The variant nátt is listed in [Haraldsson 1996: 400] as archaic / poetic, although it is frequently encountered in various compounds.


61. NOSE

Old Norse *nas-ar* (1) / *nef* (2), Icelandic *nef* (2), Faroese *nős* {*nos*} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *nès-e* {*nese*} (1), Danish *n'ês-a* {*næse*} (1), Swedish *n'ês-a* {*näsa*} (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Not attested.

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 461; Zoega 1910: 318; De Vries 1962: 415. Formally = ‘nostrils’, plural form of *nès* ‘nostril’. This is the original Old Norse equivalent for ‘nose’, and is regularly featured in texts in that meaning whenever the semantic emphasis is on ‘nose’ as a functional organ (e. g. in contexts that have to do with smelling, etc.). Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 450; Zoega 1910: 311; De Vries 1962: 406. Polysemy: ‘nose / beak / bone of the nose’. This word is already quite prominent in Old Norse texts, usually in contexts that have to do with ‘nose’ as a physical object rather than a functional organ; however, there seems to be quite a bit of overlap between *nef* and *nas-ar*, so that we should probably treat them as technical (transit?) synonyms.


62. NOT

Gothic *ni* (1), Old Norse *eigi ~ egi ~ e* (2), Icelandic *ekki* {*ekki*} (2), Faroese *vägi* {*ikki*} (2), Bokmal Norwegian *ikke* {*ikkel*} (2), Danish *ega* {*ikkel*} (2), Swedish *inte* [40]

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 299. This is the simplest and most frequent variant of the negative particle; complex, contracted variants also include *ni-h* ‘and not, also not, etc.’ [Balg 1887: 301] (contraction with the particle -uh) and *ni-ii* ‘interrogative not = Latin nonne’ [Balg 1887: 303] (contraction with the interrogative enclitic -u).

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 119; Zoega 1910: 105; De Vries 1962: 95. The oldest form of negation in Old Norse was *ne* or *ne* [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 449], same as in the other branches of Germanic. However, already in the main prosaic monuments of Old Norse it seems to have been replaced in the basic function by the adverbial form *eigi* (or its contracted variants *egi, e*), although *ne ~ ne* still functions in various bound expressions and complex negatives (*ne einn* ‘not one, none’, etc.).

**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 373; Berkov 1962: 143. Used as the default negative morpheme in indicative as well as prohibitive sentences.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 12, 268.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Arakin 2000: II, 379; Berkov 2006: 462.

**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 292; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 211. Cf. also *ej* [Krymova et al. 2000: 144], etymologically related to *ikke* and also used in the same meaning in certain limited contexts, but not eligible for the “primary” slot.
63. ONE

Gothic *ain-s* (1), Old Norse *ein-n* (1), Icelandic *eīd-n* {einn} (1), Faroese *ai-n* {ein} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *é:n* {enl} (1), Danish *e:n* {enl} (1), Swedish *en*: {enl} (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 10. Cf. Mtth. 5:41: *jah jabai īuos ēuk ananaubhjai rasta aina, geggais niṣṭ imma tuos* "and whosoever compels thee to go one mile, go with him two" [Ulfilas 1896: 5]. Polysemy: 'one / someone' (i. e. the word is frequently used in the function of an indefinite article).

Completely different word attested in Crimean Gothic: *ita* 'one' [Costello 1973: 487].

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 122; Zoega 1910: 105; De Vries 1962: 108.

**Icelandic:** Haraldsdóttir 1996: 420; Berkov 1962: 140.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 98. Neuter form: *e-tt*.


**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 149; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 239. Neuter form: *e-t*. Polysemy: 'one / someone, somebody'. Also functions as the indefinite article.

**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 140; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 375. Neuter form: *e-tt*. Polysemy: 'one / someone, somebody'. Also functions as the indefinite article.

64. PERSON

Gothic *mann-a* (1), Old Norse *mað-r* (1), Icelandic *mað-yr* (1), Faroese *m‘eav-yr* {maður} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *měn-sk-ɛ* {menneske} (1), Danish *m‘en-æg-ør* {menneske} (1), Swedish *m‘en-tja* {människa} (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 267. Masc. gender; *n*-stem. Same word as 'man' q.v. In the text of Ulfilas' Bible, the word is used rather indiscriminately to render both Greek *ἀνήρ* 'man (male)' and *ἄνθρωπος* 'man (person, human)'. Cf. Mtth. 5:16: *swa liuhtjai liubh izwar in anduairhja mann* "let your light so shine before men" [Ulfilas 1896: 3]; in this context the translated Greek word is *ἀνθρωπος*.

The only potential competition for *mann* 'person' may be the word *guma* [Balg 1887: 143] (masc. gender; *n*-stem). It is, however, significantly less frequent, occurring only three times in the entire corpus, in exactly the same contexts where one would normally expect to see *mann*, and rendering Greek *ἀνήρ* rather than *ἄνθρωπος*. Its surprisingly low frequency for such a basic meaning suggests that it may have been a stylistically marked term, possibly a rarely used archaism. We prefer to exclude it from calculations.

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 407; Zoega 1910: 284; De Vries 1962: 374. Cleasby defines this word as the equivalent of Latin *homo*, i.e. = 'human being' in general rather than specifically 'male human being', and contexts generally oppose this word to non-human beings (giants, gods, etc.). The earlier form *mann-r* is still encountered in some of the most archaic texts.

**Icelandic:** Haraldsdóttir 1996: 793; Berkov 1962: 430. Masculine gender. Oblique stem: *mann-*. Polysemy: 'person / man (male) / husband', although the specific meaning 'male human being' is more commonly expressed by *karl* q.v.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Arakin 2000: I, 536; Berkov 2006: 1079. Definite form: *menneske*-t. The simple stem *mann* 'man' can also be used in the meaning 'person', but generally surmises a male referent (in any case, there is no lexicostatistical difference between these two items, since *menneske* is historically derived from *mann*).


65. **RAIN**

Gothic *rign* (1), Old Norse *regn* (1), Icelandic *rigning* (*rigning*) (1), Faroese *regn* (*regn*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *regn* (*regn*) (1), Danish *rajd* (*regn*) (1), Swedish *regn* (*regn*) (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 322. Neuter gender; *a*-stem. Attested only once, but in a reliable context, cf. Mtth. 7:25: *jah atiddja dalap rign jah gemun abbes* "and the rain descended, and the waters came" [Ulfilas 1896: 9].

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: *regn*-hime 'rain' [Costello 1973: 487].


**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 166; Berkov 1962: 549. Feminine gender. Same root as *regn* 'rain' [Berkov 1962: 541], which also remains in colloquial usage.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 448. Neuter gender.


**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 577; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 132. Definite form: *regn*-et.

66. **RED**

Gothic *rauð-s* (1), Old Norse *rauð-r* (1), Icelandic *røyð-ur* (*rauður*) (1), Faroese *rɛiːy-ur* (*reyður*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *rød* (*rød*) (1), Danish *rod* (*rød*) (1), Swedish *röd* (*rød*) (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 318. Genitive: *rauð-is*. The forms are reconstructed according to paradigmatic expectations. The word is actually attested only once, in Skeir. III: *wullai raudai* 'red hair (wool)' [Ulfilas 1896: 221].

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 484; Zoega 1910: 329; De Vries 1962: 435. The adjective *rauð-r* is also occasionally understood as 'red' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 501], but the more usual meaning is 'ruddy (of the face or cheek)'; in any case, both adjectives historically share the same root and are lexicostatistically indistinguishable.

**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 300; Berkov 1962: 539.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 453.

**Bokmal Norwegian:** Arakin 2000: II, 137; Berkov 2006: 359. According to [Bergsland & Vogt 1962: 118], borrowed from or influenced by Danish *rod*.


**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 607; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 252.
67. ROAD

Gothic wig-s (1), Old Norse veg-r (1), Icelandic veg-yr {vegur} (1), Faroese veg-vr {vegur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian vej {vei} (1), Danish vej? {vej} (1), Swedish veg {våg} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 549. Masc. gender; a-stem. Cf. Mk. 10:46: sat faur wig du aihtron "he was sitting on the road begging" [Ulfilas 1896: 40]. Polysemy: 'way / road' (the word is used both in the literal and figurative meaning).

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 689; Zoega 1910: 478; De Vries 1962: 650. Masculine gender. Numerous partial synonyms exist, cf.: braut 'road (cut through rocks, forest, and the like)'; gata 'a thoroughfare; a way, path, road' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 76]; leið 'a lode; a way' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 192]; leða 'a way' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 380]. Of all these forms, veg-r seems to be both the most statistically frequent and semantically broad.

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 172; Berkov 1962: 831. Masculine gender. Polysemy: 'road / way'. As in Old Norse, the word has numerous quasi-synonyms with more specialized meanings, e. g. braut 'road, path' [Berkov 1962: 91], leið 'way, direction' [Berkov 1962: 401], etc.


68. ROOT

Gothic wort-s (1), Old Norse rot (1), Icelandic rout {rótt} (1), Faroese rout {rótt} (1), Bokmal Norwegian ruct {rot} (1), Danish roða {rod} (1), Swedish ruct {rot} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 539. Fem. gender; i-stem. Cf. Mk. 11:20: gasehwun þana smakkaðam þaurþana as waurtim "they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots" [Ulfilas 1896: 42].


69. ROUND

Old Norse kring-l-øtt-r (1), Icelandic kring-l-out-yr {kringlóttur} (1), Faroese r'und-vr {rundur} (-1), Bokmal Norwegian runn {rund} (-1), Danish ron? {rund} (-1), Swedish ron:d {rund} (-1).

References and notes:
Gothic: Not attested.


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 467. Borrowed from German (ultimately of Romance origin). More basic term than the specialized kringrutur 'circular' (= Icelandic kringlóttur 'round') [Young & Clewer 1985: 303].


70. SAND

Gothic mal-ma (1), Old Norse sand-r (2), Icelandic sand-yr {sandur} (2), Faroese s'and-vr {sandur} (2), Bokmal Norwegian sann {sand} (2), Danish san? {sand} (2), Swedish san:d {sand} (2).

References and notes:


71. SAY

Gothic kʰiθ-an (1), Old Norse kveð-a (1) / seg-y-a (2), Icelandic sciy-a {segja} (2), Faroese s'iy-a {siga} (2), Bokmal Norwegian si: {si} (2), Danish s'i:-ə {sigel} (2), Swedish s'ey:-a ~ s'èg-a {säga} (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 227. This is the most frequent and neutral verb with the meaning 'to say', introducing direct speech, in Gothic, cf. Mtth. 5:18: amen auk qiþa izwis "verily I say unto you" [Ulfilas 1896: 3], etc. (encountered almost passim). Opposed to the durative verb roð-y-an 'speak, talk, narrate', etc. [Balg 1887: 325]. Completely different form attested in Crimean Gothic: malthata 'say' [Costello 1973: 487] (cf. Gothic mafîl-y-an 'to speak (publicly), talk' [Balg 1887: 273]).

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 360; Zoega 1910: 252; De Vries 1962: 336. Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 518; Zoega 1910: 353. The difference between kveð-a and seg-y-a in the old texts is very difficult to describe (it may include elements of stylistic
differentiation as well as elements of suppletivism, with the former more frequently used in the past tense); we treat both words as technical synonyms.

**Icelandic**: Haraldsson 1996: 660; Berkov 1962: 579. The verb kveða [Berkov 1962: 380] has a far more restricted sphere of usage in the modern spoken language than it had in Old Norse (seems to be confined to idioms, formal contexts, contexts with the semantics of 'utter', 'pronounce', etc.). In other words, segja and kveða in Modern Icelandic have essentially shifted around their frequencies and limitations, and this could be considered a genuine case of lexical replacement.

**Faroese**: Young & Clewer 1985: 486.


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72. **SEE**

Gothic sēxʷ-an (1), Old Norse sya: (1), Icelandic syau: {sjā} (1), Faroese s'vɔː-a {siggja} (1), Bokmal Norwegian se: {se} (1), Danish se? {se} (1), Swedish se: {se} (1).

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**References and notes**


**Icelandic**: Haraldsson 1996: 69; Berkov 1962: 598.

**Faroese**: Young & Clewer 1985: 19, 487.


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73. **SEED**

Gothic fraiw (1), Old Norse fryːa: ~ freː: (1), Icelandic fraiː: {fræ} (1), Faroese freːa: {fræ} (1), Bokmal Norwegian frőː: {frøː} (1), Danish frøː? {frøː} (1), Swedish fröː: {fröː} (1).

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**References and notes**


**Old Norse**: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 174; Zoega 1910: 150; De Vries 1962: 145. Neuter gender. Cf. also sa-d 'seed, corn, crop', derived from sa- 'to sow' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 516]; this word is relatively rare in the text corpus, and is only sporadically referring to single grains of seed.

**Icelandic**: Haraldsson 1996: 654; Berkov 1962: 198. Neuter gender. Cf. also såð 'seed, grain (for sowing); sowing; sperm, semen' [Berkov 1962: 562].

**Faroese**: Young & Clewer 1985: 14, 151. Polysemy: 'seed / grain / (seed)corn'. Neuter gender. Cf. also såð 'seed (corn); pollen; semen, sperm' [Young & Clewer 1985: 472].


**Danish**: Krymova et al. 2000: 215; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 387. Definite form: fra-et. Cf. also sæd 'seed, embryo; cereals; grain; sperm;
offspring' [Krymova et al. 2000: 680]. Semantic difference is the same as in Icelandic and Norwegian.


74. SIT

Gothic sit-an (1), Old Norse sit-y-a (1), Icelandic s:t-y-a {sitja} (1), Faroese s:t-þ-a {sita} (1), Bokmal Norwegian sitt-e {sittle} (1), Danish s’eð-a {sidde} (1), Swedish s’itt-a {sitta} (1).

**References and notes:**

**Gothic**: Balg 1887: 359. Cf. Mk. 2:6: wesunuh pan sunai þíze bokarje jainar sitandans "there were some of the scribes sitting there" [Ulfilas 1896: 21]. The dynamic meaning 'to sit down' is usually expressed by the same root in combination with prefixes, such as ga-sit-an, etc.


**Faroese**: Young & Clewer 1985: 24.


75. SKIN

Old Norse hɔrund (1) / skin-n (2), Icelandic hórund {hörund} (1) / huð {húð} (3), Faroese hmu: {húð} (3), Bokmal Norwegian hud {hud} (3), Danish huð {hud} (3), Swedish hu: {hud} (3).

**References and notes:**

**Gothic**: Not attested.

**Old Norse**: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 312; Zoega 1910: 361; De Vries 1962: 477. Neuter gender. The situation here is complex, since a large variety of words with the semantics of 'skin, hide' is attested in Old Norse. The word hɔrund is defined by Cleasby as "the skin of a person'; prop. 'the cuticle' or 'inner skin'". In this meaning it is allegedly opposed to skinn 'skin, hide, fur' (= 'outer skin') [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 547], as is seen from the phrase milli skinns ok hɔrunds "between the skin and the hɔrund". However, apart from that context, the word skinn is usually seen applied to animals, such as sheep. Common Germanic *xu:ði-z 'hide, skin' yields Old Norse hu:ð 'hide' (of cattle), although it may be also applied to human skin, but only in idiomatic expressions [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 293]. Yet another partial synonym is hamr [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 236], applied mostly to birds or snakes. Overall, it seems that the basic meaning 'skin' underwent heavy fragmentation in Old Norse. Tentatively, we include hɔrund and skinn as synonyms, based on Cleasby's explanation. The word hu:ð, however, does not seem to be eligible for inclusion.

**Icelandic**: Haraldsson 1996: 283; Berkov 1962: 330. Neuter gender. Like in Old Norse, applied only to people. The form skinn is glossed as 'skin, hide, fur' in [Berkov 1962: 622], and does not seem to be easily applicable to people as of today.Haraldsson 1996: 283; Berkov 1962: 312. Feminine gender. Glossed as 'skin, hide' in [Berkov 1962]. Analysis of various examples of textual usage in the modern language show that the sphere of usage of this word seems to have seriously extended beyond the one of Old Norse, and the word is easily applied to human skin as well, i. e. we may be witnessing a gradual replacement of hɔrund by hu:ð.
Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 247. Feminine gender. Polysemy: 'skin / hide / slough'. The form skinn is explained as 'skin, hide (esp. of small animal as opposed to húð)' [Young & Clewer 1985: 504].


Danish: Krymova et al. 2000: 275; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 152. Definite form: hud-en. Polysemy: ‘skin / hide’. The quasi-synonym skind [Krymova et al. 2000: 598], glossed as 'skin; hide, fur; rind, peel, film', is mainly applied to 'human skin' in bound idiomatic expressions (e. g. skin og ben 'skin and bones', of a lean person, etc.).

Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 284; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 235. Definite form: hud-en. Plural: hud-ar. Cf. also skinn ‘skin’ [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 641], mainly used in the meaning 'animal skin' or in idiomatic expressions (e. g. skin och ben 'skin and bones', as in Danish).

76. SLEEP

Gothic slep-an (1), Old Norse sof-a (2), Icelandic sxv-a {sofa} (2), Faroese s’ov-a {sova} (2), Bokmal Norwegian sòv-e {søve} (2), Danish s’xv-ø ~ s’y-ø {søve} (2), Swedish s’òv-a {søva} (2).

References and notes:


Preserved in Crimean Gothic: schlpen 'sleep' [Costello 1973: 487].


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 539.


77. SMALL

Gothic lixtil-s (1), Old Norse lixtil-l (1) / sma-r (2), Icelandic li:tild-l {litill} (1) / sma:ur {smár} (2), Faroese l’viti:l [litil] (1) / sm’axv-vr {smáur} (2), Bokmal Norwegian li:ten {liten} (1), Danish l’il-a {lille} (1), Swedish l’it-an {liten} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 244. Cf. Mk. 9:42: jah salvazuh sasi gamarzjai aivina pize leitilane pize galaubjandane du mis "and whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me" [Ulfilas 1896: 37]. The word is encountered quite frequently, but there are no contexts in which it is actually applied to an object with the meaning 'small (in size)'; hence, its inclusion is slightly dubious. Nevertheless, the only possible competition is smals 'small' [Balg 1887: 380], which, in comparison, is attested only once, and even then, is only found in the superlative degree: smal-ista 'smallest, least', cf. I Cor. 15:9: ik auk im sa smalista apaustaule "for I am the least of the Apostles" [Ulfilas 1896: 143]. Without additional contexts, we prefer not to include smals as a synonym.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 570; Zoega 1910: 275; De Vries 1962: 358.Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 570; Zoega 1910: 390; De Vries 1962: 519. The difference between sma-r and lixtil-l is complex; both forms have to be included as synonyms.

Norse.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 355. Young & Clewer 1985: 528. Apparently the situation with these synonyms is more or less the same as in Old Norse and Icelandic.


78. SMOKE

Old Norse reyk-r (2), Icelandic reið-yr {reykur} (2), Faroese r’óik-yr {roykur} (2), Bokmal Norwegian røjk {røyk} (2), Danish røj̩ {róg} (2), Swedish rök {rökl} (2).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Not attested.

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 496; Zoega 1910: 338; De Vries 1962: 443. Masculine gender. Polysemy: 'steam / smoke'. Different from eim-i ~ eim-r 'reek, vapour (from fire or embers)' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 120].


**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 464. Masculine gender. Polysemy: 'smoke / dust / smell'.


79. STAND

Gothic stand-an (1), Old Norse stand-a (1), Icelandic stand-a {standa} (1), Faroese st’and-a {standa} (1), Bokmal Norwegian sto: {stål} (1), Danish sdɔʔ {stål} (1), Swedish sto: {stål} (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 393. Cf. Matth. 26:73: afar leitil þan atgaggandans þai standandans "after a while came unto him they that were standing (by)" [Ulfilas 1896: 15].


**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 709; Berkov 1962: 691.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 549.


**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 667; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 420. Polysemy: 'to stand / to be located / to stop, stay'.


80. STAR

Gothic stern-ɔ (1), Old Norse styarn-a (1), Icelandic styardn-a ~ styadn-a {stjarna} (1), Faroese šödn-a {stjønna} (1), Bokmal Norwegian styåːrn-e {stjerne} (1), Danish sd’ɛrn-ɔ
\{stjerne\} (1), Swedish \textit{fjärr-}a \{stjärna\} (1).

References and notes:


Preserved in Crimean Gothic: \textit{stein} \textquoteleft star\textquoteright [Costello 1973: 487] (with loss of \textit{-r}-?).


81. STONE

Gothic \textit{stain-s} (1), Old Norse \textit{stein-n} (1), Icelandic \textit{stéiđ-d} \{steinn\} (1), Faroese \textit{st'ai-n-vr \{steinur\} (1), Bokmal Norwegian \textit{stéin} \{stein\} (1), Danish \textit{sde?n} \{sten\} (1), Swedish \textit{sten} \{sten\} (1).

References and notes:

\textbf{Gothic}: Balg 1887: 390. Masc. gender; \textit{a}-stem. Cf. Lu. 4:3: \textit{qiþ þamma staina ei wairbai hlaiðs} "command this stone that it be made bread" [Ulfilas 1896: 60]. Polysemy: 'stone (small) / rock (large)'. In the latter meaning cf. Mth. 7:24: \textit{sači gatinrīda razn sein ana staina} "who built his house on a rock" [Ulfilas 1896: 8]. Cf. also the following passage where both types of meaning are present at the same time, Mth. 27: 60: \textit{jah galagida ita in niujamnna seinamnna hliava þatei ushuloda ana staina} \textit{jah faurwalwjands staina mikilamma daurons þis hlaiwis galaiþ} "and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed" [Ulfilas 1896: 18].

Completely different word attested in Crimean Gothic: \textit{adl 'stone'} [Costello 1973: 487], possibly descended from Gothic \textit{bahtus} \textquoteleft rock\textquoteright [Balg 1887: 157].

\textbf{Old Norse}: Cleasby \& Vigfusson 1874: 591; Zoega 1910: 406; De Vries 1962: 546. Masculine gender. This is the main equivalent for the neutral 'stone' (in hand), distinct from \textit{byarg} \textquoteleft (very) large stone, rock, boulder\textquoteright [Cleasby \& Vigfusson 1874: 64].


\textbf{Faroese}: Young \& Clewer 1985: 553. Masculine gender.


82. SUN

Gothic \textit{sunn-o-} (1), Old Norse \textit{so}l (1), Icelandic \textit{sóul} \{sól\} (1), Faroese \textit{súl} \{sól\} (1), Bokmal Norwegian \textit{su:l} \{sol\} (1), Danish \textit{søl} \{sol\} (1), Swedish \textit{su:l} \{sol\} (1).

References and notes:
Gothic: Balg 1887: 408. Fem. gender; n-stem. Cf. Lu. 4:40: *mifpaneī jān sąγq sunno*... “now when the sun was setting” [Ulfilas 1896: 62]. Encountered 6 times in the corpus; another equivalent, attested only twice, is *saui̯*, cf. Mk. 1:32: *jān gisagq̱ saui̯* “when the sun did set”. It may be seen that both contexts are nearly identical, meaning that *sunno* and *saui̯* are essentially in a state of free variation. Since both forms allegedly go back to a pair of morphological variants of the same root, this has no lexicostatistical significance, but the nature of this variation in Gothic remains an unanswered question.

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: *sune* ‘sun’ [Costello 1973: 487].

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 579; Zoega 1910: 396; De Vries 1962: 529. Feminine gender. This form of the word ‘sun’ is the most frequent and basic in Old Norse texts; the alternate variant *sunna* is only used in poetic speech. Cf. in particular: *söl beitr̥ med mánnum, en sunna með godum* “it is called *söl* among men, *sunna* among the gods” [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 605].


83. SWIM

Old Norse *svim-a* ~ *svimm-a* (1), Icelandic *sind-a* {*sýnda*} (2), Faroese *svím-ya* {*svimja*} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *svòmm-e* {*svømmel*} (1), Danish *svøm-a* {*svømme*} (1), Swedish *s´imm-a* {*simma*} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 611; Zoega 1910: 422; De Vries 1962: 570. According to Cleasby, "the spelling with one *m* in Editions is erroneous". This word must have begun to fall out of usage already in the Old Norse period, but it is still encountered quite frequently in the texts. One of the (less frequent) synonymous forms is *legg-y-a-sk*, literally ‘to lay oneself’ (reflexive form of *legg-y-a* 'to lay') [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 379]; the verb *sind-a*, which would eventually become the Modern Icelandic equivalent for ‘swim’, is “very rare in old writers” [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 614]. A very frequent set of equivalents for ‘swim’, however, consists of various compound formations of semi-auxiliary verbs with the noun *sund* ‘swimming’ [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 604]; the overall statistical frequency of these compounds is actually higher in old texts than that of *svina*, but the latter is still encountered too frequently to be considered an “archaism”.

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 491; Berkov 1962: 742. Secondary synonym: *svam-l-a* ‘to swim / to splash around’ [Berkov 1962: 731] (this word is listed in [Haraldsson 1966] with the note ‘slowly or in an inexperienced manner’). This is one of the very few reliable cases of genuine lexical replacement from the Old Norse period to Modern Icelandic.


Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 627; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 446.

84. TAIL

Old Norse *hali* (1), Icelandic *hali* {*hali*} (1), Faroese *h’ácli* {*hali*} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *hâle* {*hale*} (1), Danish *h’ála* {*hale*} (1), Swedish *svans* {*svans*} (-1).
References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 234; Zoega 1910: 182; De Vries 1962: 204. Masculine gender. Cleasby: "Ice. use halr properly of cattle, and lions, wolves, bears; tagl of horses (of the hair, but stertr of a caudal vertebra); rofa of cats, dogs; skott of a fox; sporbr of a fish; stel or veli of birds; dindill of seals. The old writers do not make these nice distinctions, and use halr of a horse and tagl of a cow, which a mod. Ice. would not do". Judging by the contexts, halr is not only applied to the largest variety of tailed animals, but is also more frequent than any other equivalent, and amply used in idiomatic expressions: it is quite clearly the most "generic" term for 'tail' in Old Norse.

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 780; Berkv 1962: 258. Masculine gender. According to [Haraldsson 1996], applied to cows, rats, mice, comets. Secondary synonyms [ibid.]: skotl, rofa ("of dogs, foxes, cats, squirrels etc."); stjört ("of cats"); dindill ("of sheep and goats"); stél ("of birds and airplanes"); sporður ("of fish and whales"). Of all these words, halr has the most diverse applicability, as in Old Norse, so there would be no reason to think of a lexical replacement.


Bokmal Norwegian: Arakin 2000: I, 335; Berkv 2006: 1060. Definite form: hal-en. As in the other Scandinavian languages, various specialized synonyms also exist, e. g. rumpe "tail of animal (vulg.)", svans, stjért "tail of bird", sporbr "tail of fish, lizard, snake" [Berkv 2006: 1060].


85. THAT

Gothic yain-s (1), Old Norse hin-n (1), Icelandic hin-n {hinn} (1), Faroese h'a-sin {hasin} (1), Bokmal Norwegian de:-n {den} (2), Danish de-n {den} (2), Swedish de-n: {den} (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 209. Masc. yain-s, fem. yain-a, neuter yain. Numerous examples in the corpus, cf. Mth. 7:22: managai gíþand mis in jainamman dagr 'many will say to me on that day' [Ulfilas 1896: 8], etc. This seems to be the default Gothic demonstrative pronoun to express faraway deixis.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 263; Zoega 1910: 198; De Vries 1962: 228. Masculine form; cf. also feminine hin, neuter hitt. This pronoun also serves as the basis for the definite article hinn ~ inn ~ em, frequently, but not always, spelled without the initial h-.

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 736; Berkv 1962: 283. As in Old Norse, this pronoun also serves as the basis for the definite article.

Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 219. Masculine gender. The feminine gender equivalent is ha-nda and the neuter form is ha-tta.

Bokmal Norwegian: Arakin 2000: I, 169; Berkv 2006: 993. Masculine/feminine form; cf. also neuter det, plural de. This pronoun may be translated as either 'this' or 'that', depending on the context, but generally denotes objects that are more distant than the ones denoted by denne 'this' q.v.; in colloquial language, the opposition between 'this' and 'that' may also be expressed by the complex forms den her 'this (one)' (literally 'that-here') and den der 'that (one)' (literally 'that-there'), respectively. The archaic form hin 'that', cognate with Old Norse hin-n, etc., is no longer in basic usage in modern forms of the language [Arakin 2000: I, 352].

Danish: Krymova et al. 2000: 860; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 437. Common form; cf. also neuter det, plural de. This pronoun may be translated as either 'this' or 'that', depending on the context, but generally denotes objects that are more distant than the ones denoted by denne 'this' q.v.; in colloquial language, the opposition between 'this' and 'that' may also be expressed by the complex forms den her 'this (one)' (literally 'that-here') and den der 'that (one)' (literally 'that-there'), respectively. The archaic form hin 'that', cognate with Old Norse hin-n, etc., is no longer in basic usage in modern forms of the language [Krymova et al. 2000: 267].

Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 114; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 711. Common form; cf. also neuter det, plural de. See notes on Danish; usage in Swedish is more or less the same, including the preference to denote the opposition between 'this' and 'that'
with the complex forms *den här* 'this (one)' and *den där* 'that (one)' (literally 'that-here' and 'that-there').

86. THIS

Gothic *sa* (2), Old Norse *þa-ta* (2), Icelandic *ðe-sssi* (2), Faroese *h∂-sin* *{hesin}* (3), Bokmal Norwegian *де-nne* *{denne}* (2), Danish *d∂-na* *{denne}* (2), Swedish *d∂-nnə* *{denne}* (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 328. Suppletive paradigm: masc. *sa*, fem. *so*, but neuter *þa-ta*; cf. also the declination paradigm - nom. *sa*, gen. *θ-is*, dat. *θ-amma*, acc. *θ-ana*, etc. Also attested in a more complex form: *sa-h* '(and) this, he' (contracted with the enclitic particle -*uh*). Examples are attested *passin* throughout the corpus, where it often behaves in the function of the definite article. However, unlike modern Germanic languages, Gothic does not seem to have ever developed a strict opposition between the demonstrative pronoun (*this, dieser, etc.*) and the definite article (*the, der, etc.*). Suppletive stem (neuter gender).

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 734; Zoega 1910: 198; De Vries 1962: 609. This is the masculine and feminine form; cf. also neuter *þe-tta*. The pronoun consists of the basic demonstrative stem (masc. *sa*, fem. *su*; neuter *þat* 'this; that', with a general rather than distance-specific deixis) and the suffixed particle -*si* (some old Runic inscriptions from the IXth - Xth centuries still show the earlier forms: masc. *sa-si*, fem. *su-si*, neuter *þat-si*).

Danish: Krymova et al. 2000: 860; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 498. Also *denne* *her* 'this (one)'. Common form; cf. also neuter *dette*, plural *danne*.

Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 114; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 804. Same as in Danish, but the complex formation *den här* 'that-here' ('= 'this'; see notes on 'that') is actually more common in general usage.

87. THOU

Gothic *θu* (1), Old Norse *þu*: (1), Icelandic *þu*: *{þú}* (1), Faroese *tu*: *{tú}* (1), Bokmal Norwegian *du*: *{du}* (1), Danish *du*: *{du}* (1), Swedish *du*: *{du}* (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 478. The complete paradigm is: nominative *θu*, genitive *θi-na*, dative *θu-s*, accusative *θu-k*. Cf. also *θi-n-s* 'thy' (possessive pronoun).

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: *tie* 'thou' [Costello 1973: 487].


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 613. Cf. the accusative case: *te-g*, and the possessive form *ti-n*.


88. TONGUE

Gothic *tung-o:* (1), Old Norse *tung-a* (1), Icelandic *tung-a* {tunga} (1), Faroese *t’ung-a* {tunga} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *tøn-ɛ* {tunque} (1), Danish *tøn-ɔ* {tunge} (1), Swedish *tøn-ː* {tunga} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 444. Fem. gender; *n*-stem. Cf. Lu. 1:64: usluknoda þan munþs is sans jah tuggo is "his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed" [Ulfilas 1896: 54].


89. TOOTH

Gothic *tunθ-u-s* (1), Old Norse *tɔnn* (1), Icelandic *tönn* {tónn} (1), Faroese *tɔnn* {tønn} (1), Bokmal Norwegian *tann* {tann} (1), Danish *tand* {tand} (1), Swedish *tänd* {tänd} (1).

References and notes:


Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 643; Zoega 1910: 446; De Vries 1962: 604. Feminine gender. Plural form: *teð-r*. The more archaic form of this root is preserved in some proper names, e.g. *Hildi-tann-r*.


90. TREE

Gothic *bagm-s* (1), Old Norse *tre*: (2), Icelandic *trye:* {tré} (2), Faroese *trea:* {træ} (2), Bokmal Norwegian *tre:* {tre} (2), Danish *tre?:* {træ} (2), Swedish *tre:-d* {träd} (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 39. Masc. gender; *a*-stem. Cf. Matth. 7:17: all bagme godaize akrana goda gataujiþ "all good trees produce good fruit" [Ulfilas 1896: 7]. The older word for 'tree', *triu*, is only encountered once [Mk. 14: 43; repeated in Mk. 14: 48], and not in the meaning 'tree', but 'staff'; the word is therefore ineligible for inclusion.
Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 639; Zoega 1910: 441; De Vries 1962: 597. Neuter gender. Polysemy: 'tree / ship-mast'. Close synonym: vîð-r 'tree, wood, forest' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 703]. Both træ and vîð-r may be used to designate a growing tree. The differences are as follows: (a) only træ is used to designate 'wood (material)' and objects made of wood, e. g. 'ship-mast'; (b) only vîð-r, on the other hand, may be used in the collective meaning 'forest', as well as 'wood (for burning), felled trees'. Therefore, the few instances where vîð-r should be translated as 'a single) growing tree' are better regarded as occasional exceptions, and the opposition træ : vîð-r is best interpreted as 'tree (single)' : 'trees, forest (collective).


References and notes:

91. TWO

Gothic twai (1), Old Norse tvei-r (1), Icelandic tvei:-r {tveir} (1), Faroese tva=:-r {tveir} (1), Bokmal Norwegian tu: {to} (1), Danish to? {to} (1), Swedish tve: {två} (1).

References and notes:

92. WALK (GO)

Gothic gâ=li:ð-an (1), Old Norse far-a (2), Icelandic farr-a {fara} (2), Faroese far:r-a {fara} (2), Bokmal Norwegian go: {gå} (3), Danish go? {gå} (3), Swedish go: {gå} (3).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 245. There is quite a large number of different verbal roots and stems expressing the directional meaning 'go' in Ulfilas' Bible. Out of all of them, however, gâ=li:ð-an seems to be at the same time the most frequent and the least cumbered with additional semantic nuances. Cf. Mth. 8:21: uslaubei mis frumist galeipan jah gafilhan attan meinana "allow me first to go and bury my father" [Ulfilas 1896: 9]; Mk. 1:20: galipun afer imma "they went after him" [Ulfilas 1896: 20], etc.

The verb gâ=li:ð-an [Balg 1887: 116], whose original meaning must have also been 'go', is generally used with the derived meaning 'to go to (do smth.)' in Gothic (i.e. with a semi-grammaticalized function of expressing intentionality or near future), cf. Lu. 14:19: juka auhsne usuhahta fens jah gogga kausjan fiens "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them" [Ulfilas 1896: 80].

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93. WARM (HOT)

Old Norse: heiti-r (1), Icelandic h‘eit-yr (heitur) (1), Faroese h‘a¡‘t-vr (heitur) (1), Bokmal Norwegian varm {varm} (2), Danish varm {varm} (2), Swedish varm {varm} (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested.


Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 135; Berkov 1962: 275. Distinct from hlýr ‘warm’ [Berkov 1962: 293], the latter largely replacing the older word varmur (most confined to idiomatic expressions).


Bokmal Norwegian: Arakin 2000: II, 425; Berkov 2006: 982. Distinct from het [Arakin 2000: I, 351; Berkov 2006: 161], which, as in Danish, seems to be more restricted to various figurative meanings (e. g. ‘hot’ as ‘having a high fever’, ‘sexually aroused’, etc.).

Danish: Krymova et al. 2000: 772; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 74. In modern Danish, the English meaning ‘hot’ generally corresponds to the equivalent varm (e. g. varm mad ‘hot food’, meget varmt ‘it’s hot’, etc.). The old word het [Krymova et al. 2000: 259] is used less frequently, being restricted to specific weather-related contexts and certain bound expressions.

Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 854; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 107. The difference between varm ‘warm, hot’ and het ‘hot’ [Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 277] in modern Swedish seems to be more or less along the same lines as in Danish, i. e. varm is the general term for all sorts of temperatures from ‘tepid’ to ‘hot’ and het is more restricted to ‘superhot’ (e. g. ‘hot fire’) or idiomatic contexts (‘hot debates’, etc.).

94. WATER
Gothic *wat-α* (1), Old Norse *vat-n* (1), Icelandic *vat-n* (*vatn*) (1), Faroese *vat-n* (*vatn*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *vann* (*vann*) (1), Danish *vand* (1), Swedish *vatten* (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 535. Neuter gender; *n*-stem. Cf. Mtth. 10:42: *stikla kaldis watins* "with a bowl of cold water" [Ulfilas 1896: 13]. The word *ahَا* ([Balg 1887: 7]; fem., gender, *o*-stem), frequently translated as 'water', refers exclusively to 'running water', i. e. = 'river', 'stream', 'flood', and is therefore ineligible for inclusion.


**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 76; Berkov 1962: 826. Neuter gender.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 21, 649. Neuter gender.


**Danish:** Krymova et al. 2000: 76; Harrit & Harrit 2002: 47. Definite form: *vand-et*.

**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 856; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 59. Definite form: *vatten-*. 95. **WE1**

Gothic *wiː-s* (1), Old Norse *veː-r* (1), Icelandic *viː-ð* (1), Faroese *vitː ~ viːt* (*vit*) (1), Bokmal Norwegian *viː* (*vi*) (1), Danish *vi* (*vi*) (1), Swedish *viː* (*vi*) (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 543. Direct stem.

**Old Norse:** Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 694; Zoega 1910: 502; De Vries 1962: 654. Direct stem. Cf. also the possessive form: *var 'our'*. 95. **WE2**

Gothic *uns-* (2), Old Norse *oss* (2), Icelandic *ɔs* (*oss*) (2), Faroese *o-kk-* (2), Bokmal Norwegian *ɔs* (*oss*) (2), Danish *ɔs* (*os*) (2), Swedish *ɔss* (*oss*) (2).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 543. Indirect stem. The complete paradigm is: nominative *wiːs*, genitive *uns-ara*, dative/accusative *uns ~ uns-is*. Cf. also *uns-ar* 'our' (possessive pronoun).

**Old Norse:** De Vries 1962: 6421. Indirect (dative - accusative) stem.

**Icelandic:** Berkov 1962: 514. Indirect (dative - accusative) stem.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 669. Indirect stem (acc. *okk-um*, gen. *okk-ars*, etc.). Formerly dual; replacing the obsolete formerly plural stem *os(s)*- [Young & Clewer 1985: 673].

96. WHAT

Gothic $x^{wa}$ (1), Old Norse $hwa-t$ (1), Icelandic $xar-ð$ ($hvad$) (1), Faroese $kveðt$ ($hvát$) (1), Bokmal Norwegian $va$: ($hvøa$) (1), Danish $vað$ ~ $va$ ($hvød$) (1), Swedish $va: = va$ ($vød$) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 189. Formally = neuter gender from $x^{wa}$ ‘who?’ q.v. The paradigm is: nom., acc. $x^{wa}$, gen. $x^{wa}$-is, dat. $x^{wa}$-amna, instr. $x^{wa}$-i.


97. WHITE

Gothic $x^{wit}$-s (1), Old Norse $hvit$-r (1), Icelandic $xi$-t-$yr$ ($hvítur$) (1), Faroese $kvöti$-$yr$ ($hvítur$) (1), Bokmal Norwegian $vı́t$ ($hvøt$) (1), Danish $við$ ($hvød$) (1), Swedish $vıt$ ($vit$) (1).

References and notes:


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 256.


98. WHO

Gothic $x^{wa}$-s (1), Old Norse $hver$-r (1), Icelandic $xer$ ~ $xer$ ($hver$) (1), Faroese $kvöð$ ($hvør$) (1), Bokmal Norwegian $vem$ ($hvøm$) (1), Danish $vem$? ($hvøm$) (1), Swedish $vem$ ($vem$) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 189. Masc. gender; the corresponding fem. form is $x^{wa}$, the neuter form is $x^{wa}$ ‘what?’ q.v.


99. WOMAN

Gothic kʷin-o: (1), Old Norse kon-a (1), Icelandic kva:n-a {kona} (1), Faroese kvˈinn-a {kvína} (1), Bokmal Norwegian kvinne-e {kvinne} (1), Danish kvˈen-a {kvinde} (1), Swedish kvˈinn-a {kvína} (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic**: Balg 1887: 227. Fem. gender; n-stem. Cf. Mtth. 5:28: hazuz saei saiðiq qinon du lusdon iżos "whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her..." [Ulfilas 1896: 4]. This word is used throughout exclusively in the meaning 'woman' = 'female human being', without reference to social status. The simpler stem kʷen-s [Balg 1887: 225], in contrast, is more generally used in the meaning 'married woman', 'wife', cf. Mtth. 5:31: hazuz saei afleti qen... "whosoever puts away his wife..." [Ulfilas 1896: 4]. (This does not have any lexicostatistical importance, though, since both words share the same root).

**Old Norse**: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 350; Zoega 1910: 246; De Vries 1962: 325. Polysemy: 'woman / wife'. This is the main term for 'woman' (= 'female human being') as opposed to 'man' (= 'male human being'), cf. karl ok kona 'man and woman'. Secondary synonym: víf 'woman, wife' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 714], according to Cleasby, encountered "only in poetry".


**Faroese**: Young & Clewer 1985: 328. A more rare (formal) variant of the same word is kon-a [Young & Clewer 1985: 13, 314].

**Bokmal Norwegian**: Arakin 2000: I, 472; Berkov 2006: 227. Colloquial variant: kone [Arakin 2000: I, 444; Berkov 2006: 227]. The recent borrowing dame is also used in the meaning 'woman': cf. in [Bergsland & Vogt 1962: 119]: "kvinne = somewhat official or literary, as in 'men and women', 'portrait of a woman'; dame = as in 'who is the woman coming there?', but also some social implication". Although this description implies that dame should probably be preferred over kvinne on the Swadesh list, the real situation is more complicated, since dame seems to really be a markedly 'polite' term of reference, and its usage in modern Norwegian is more limited than, e.g., that of German Frau. Because of this, we believe that the old word kvinne should be left on the list.


100. YELLOW

Old Norse gul-r (1), Icelandic gyl-yr {gulur} (1), Faroese guːl-yr {gulur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian gul {gul} (1), Danish guːl {gul} (1), Swedish guːl {gul} (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic**: Not attested.

**Old Norse**: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 221; Zoega 1910: 175; De Vries 1962: 194.


**Faroese**: Young & Clewer 1985: 17, 202.

101. FAR

Gothic ferr-a (1), Old Norse fyarr-i (1), Icelandic fyar-laý-yr {fjarlaeður} (1), Faroese fyar-ør {fjarur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian fyäaŋ {fjern} (1), Danish fyɛən {fjern} (1), Swedish fyârr-an {fjärran} (1).

References and notes:


102. HEAVY

Gothic kɔr-u-s # (1), Old Norse ðung-r (2), Icelandic ðung-yr {þungur} (2), Faroese tœŋg-yr {tungur} (2), Bokmal Norwegian tun {tungl} (2), Danish tœŋ {tung} (2), Swedish tœŋ: {tung} (2).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 217. Adjective; u-stem. Very dubious. The word is attested only once, and in a figurative meaning at that (= 'weighty, ponderous'), cf. II Cor. 10:10: ante þos rahtis bokos, qifand, kaurjos sind jah swinþos "for his letters, they say, are weighty (heavy) and powerful" [Ulfilas 1896: 158]. Some indirect confirmation of its real frequency comes from derivatives, such as kɔr-y-an 'to burden, press, trouble' and kɔr-ɪθ-a 'weight, burden' [Balg 1887: 216], but all of them are also used in figurative meanings. We include this word on the list tentatively, since its etymological meaning is unquestionably 'heavy' as such, and no alternate candidates are attested.


103. NEAR

Gothic *ne:xʷ-a* (1), Old Norse *nēːr* (1), Icelandic *nauː-laːɣ-yr {nálægur}* (1), Faroese *near {nær}* (1), Bokmal Norwegian *nær {nær}* (1), Danish *neːr {nær}* (1), Swedish *näːr-a* (nära) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 298. Cf. Mc. 13:28: *neha ist asans* "summer is near" [Ulfilas 1896: 45]; *jah sunsei neha was* "and when he came near" [Ulfilas 1896: 90]. Used either as an adverb or as a preposition; in the latter function, the variant *neːhʷ* is also attested once, cf. Lu. 15:25: *jah qimands atiddja neh vazon* "and as he came and walked near the house" [Ulfilas 1896: 82].

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 460; Zoega 1910: 316; De Vries 1962: 413. Adverbial form. The bound form of this stem is *nær-*, frequently employed in various compound forms [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 447].


Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 413.


104. SALT

Gothic *salt* (1), Old Norse *salt* {salt} (1), Icelandic *salt {salt}* (1), Faroese *salt {salt}* (1), Bokmal Norwegian *salt {salt}* (1), Danish *salːt {salt}* (1), Swedish *salːt {salt}* (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 340. Neuter gender; *a*-stem. Cf. Mc. 9:50: *goh salt, ih jabai salt unsaltun wairpíh, lve supuda* 'salt is good, but if the salt has become unsalted, with what will you season it?' [Ulfilas 1896: 38].

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: *salt 'salt'* [Costello 1973: 487].


105. SHORT

Old Norse *skam-r ~ skamm-r* (1) / *stutt-r* (2), Icelandic *skamm-yr {skammur}* (1) / *stvtt-yr {stuttur}* (2), Faroese *sk'ammm-yr {skammur}* (1) / *st'vett-yr {stuttur}* (2), Bokmal Norwegian *kuf {kort}* (-1), Danish *kəːt {kort}* (-1), Swedish *kɔʈː {kort}* (-1).
References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested. The word *lītīl-s* 'small' q.v. is sometimes also translated as 'short', but only in the temporal meaning (in idiomatic expressions such as 'a short while', etc.), so it is clearly ineligible. It is far more likely that the adjective 'short' in Gothic was formed from the same root as *gu-mār-g-an* 'to shorten, cut short' [Balg 1887: 274], reliably attested in two contexts. However, the corresponding adjective is not found in the texts, and the slot has to remain empty.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 537; Zoega 1910: 367; De Vries 1962: 482. Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 600; Zoega 1910: 414; De Vries 1962: 556. This word is translated by Cleasby as 'stunted, scant', i.e. its basic semantics might originally have been 'shortened' rather than 'naturally short', making it less eligible for inclusion. Nevertheless, it is consistently applied to simply 'short' objects (such as 'short coat of mail', 'short skirt', etc.), and it is therefore hard to determine which of the two words, *skamm-r* or *stutt-r*, was more "basic" in the required meaning in Old Norse. We include both as technical synonyms.

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 296; Berkov 1962: 610. Haraldsson 1996: 296; Berkov 1962: 720. This word seems to be more frequent when applied to objects than *skammur*, but we still include both items as technical synonyms.


Bokmal Norwegian: Arakin 2000: I, 451; Berkov 2006: 353. Borrowed from German (ultimately from Romance). The inherited form *stutt* 'short' is generally marked as "dialectal", e.g. in [Arakin 2000: II, 271].


106. SNAKE

Gothic *worm-s* (1), Old Norse *orm-r* (1), Icelandic *slaung-a* (*slanga*) (2), Faroese *slang-a* (*slanga*) (2), Bokmal Norwegian *slæng-e* (*slange*) (2), Danish *slæn-ø* (*slange*) (2), Swedish *vrm* (*orm*) (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Balg 1887: 538. Masc. gender; a-stem. Cf. Lu. 10:19: *atgaf izwis waldafni trudan usfaro waurme jah skaurpjono* "I gave you the power to tread upon snakes (serpents) and scorpions" [Ultílias 1896: 78]. Translates Greek ὀφις 'serpent, snake'. Another word with similar semantics is *nadr-s* [Balg 1887: 291]. However, it is not eligible for inclusion, since its meaning is 'viper, adder, poisonous snake' rather than 'snake (in general)'; in the only context where it is attested (Lu. 3:7), it translates Greek ἄγιον 'poisonous snake'.

Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 468; Zoega 1910: 323; De Vries 1962: 420. Masculine gender. Generic term for 'snake' that also incorporates 'worms' and even 'dragons'. Secondary synonyms include: (a) *nab-r*, glossed by Cleasby as 'viper, adder, snake' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 445], most likely a generic term for 'poisonous snake', as in Gothic; (b) *snæk-r* 'snake (only in poetry)' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 573], a special poetic term; (c) *slængi* 'a serpent' [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 566], attested only sporadically. None of these words are as frequent or semantically all-encompassing as *orm-r*.

Icelandic: Haraldsson 1996: 236; Berkov 1962: 650. Feminine gender. Secondary synonym: *nabra* [Berkov 1962: 467] (specifically 'adder' rather than generic 'snake'). Cf. also *ormur* 'worm; snake' [Berkov 1962: 509]; the word *snækur* is glossed as 'grass-snake' (≥) in [Berkov 1962: 663]. Altogether, it is not easy to determine the most appropriate synonym here, largely due to the absence of snakes in Iceland as a native species. In general, it seems that the old word *ormr*, due to its all-encompassing range of 'worms / snakes / dragons' and archaic nature, is no longer eligible for inclusion, but further research may be necessary.

Faroese: Young & Clewer 1985: 521. Feminine gender. The synonymous form *orm-ur* is glossed in [Young & Clewer 1985: 426] as 'snake; (bibl.) serpent; worm' and seems to be a less neutral equivalent of *slanga*.

Bokmal Norwegian: Arakin 2000: II, 207; Berkov 2006: 281. Definite form: *slang-en*. The word *orm* can also be employed in the meaning 'snake', but this mostly reflects archaic or dialectal usage [Berkov 2006: 281].

107. THIN

Old Norse ðunn-r (1), Icelandic ðynn-yr {punnur} (1), Faroese t‘ynn-yr {tunnur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian tûnn {tynn} (1), Danish tön? {tynd} (1), Swedish tön {tunn} (1).

References and notes:

Gothic: Not attested.
Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 749; Zoega 1910: 520; De Vries 1962: 627. Applied mainly to objects; distinct from mag-r 'meagre, lean' (of person) [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 408].
Swedish: Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 798; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 708. Polysemy: 'thin / fine / lean / weak (tea, etc.)'. Applied to objects as well as people.

108. WIND

Gothic wind-s (1), Old Norse vind-r (1), Icelandic vind-yr {vindur} (1), Faroese v‘int-yr {vindur} (1), Bokmal Norwegian vinn {vind} (1), Danish ven? {vind} (1), Swedish vind {vind} (1).

References and notes:

Preserved in Crimean Gothic: wintch 'wind' [Costello 1973: 487].
Old Norse: Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 708; Zoega 1910: 492; De Vries 1962: 665. Masculine gender. The word veðr ‘weather’ [Cleasby & Vigfusson 1874: 687] may also be used in the meaning ‘wind’ (usually ‘gale, storm’), but this is not its primary semantics.

109. WORM
Gothic *maþa* (1), Old Norse *mað-k-r* (1), Icelandic *maðk-yr* (*maðkur*) (1), Faroese *makk-yr* (*maðkur*) (1), Bakmal Norwegian *mark ~ makk* (*mark ~ makk*) (1), Danish *oðm* (*orm*) (2), Swedish *mask* (*mask*) (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 272. Masc. gender; *n*-stem. Cf. Mk. 9:48: *parei maþa i ze ni gadaþnþp* "where their worm does not die" [Ulfilas 1896: 38]. Attested only once, but in a reliable context (translating Greek ὅπαξ ἁλη, 'worm').


**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 372. Masculine gender. Polysemy: 'worm / maggot'.


(a compound formation with *meite* 'to fish' as the first component). The word *orm*, also sometimes translated as 'worm' [Arakin 2000: II, 47], is a more generic term, also including grubs, tapeworms, etc.


110. YEAR

Gothic *yær* (1), Old Norse *aær* (1), Icelandic *aêur* (*ár*) (1), Faroese *aær* (*ár*) (1), Bakmal Norwegian *œr* (*år*) (1), Danish *œÆr* (*år*) (1), Swedish *œr* (*år*) (1).

References and notes:

**Gothic:** Balg 1887: 210. Neuter gender; *a*-stem. Cf. Mc. 5:25: *jah qinono suma wisandei in runa bloþis jera twalif* "and a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years" [Ulfilas 1896: 28]; Lu. 2:41: *jah wratodedun þai birusjos is jera ƕammeh in Iairusalem at dulþ paska* "now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover" [Ulfilas 1896: 57].

Of certain interest is also the word *aðu* [Balg 1887: 34] (neuter gender), attested once in Gal. 4:10: *dagam witaþ jah menæþm jah melam jah aþnam* "you observe days, and months, and times, and years" [Ulfilas 1896: 167]; however, the actual translated Greek word here is ἐνιαυτός rather than the more general ἐτος. It may be suggested that the meaning of *aðu* is less basic (the concept of a 'year' as a 'time cycle' or 'anniversary'), whereas in the regular function of counting out time it is the word *yær* that functions as the common equivalent.


**Icelandic:** Haraldsson 1996: 130; Berkov 1962: 46. Neuter gender.

**Faroese:** Young & Clewer 1985: 15. Neuter gender.


**Swedish:** Marklund-Sharapova 2007a: 903; Marklund-Sharapova 2007b: 103. Definite form: *år-et*.