

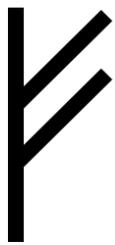
Learn to write like a Viking

Vikings didn't use the English alphabet like we do today. They used a system of runes in their writing. Like our alphabet each rune represented a sound when read aloud, but unlike our alphabet each rune had its own meaning

Archaeologists call this alphabet Futhark after it's first 6 letters. Learn about each different rune and have a go at the activity on the next page.

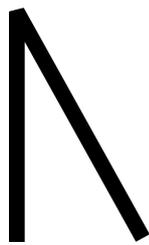


Ring with runic inscription
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fé

English: F
Meaning: Wealth, Cattle or Sheep



úr

English: U
Meaning: Iron or rain



thurs

English: Th
Meaning: Giant



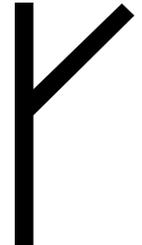
óss

English: A
Meaning: God or river



reido

English: R
Meaning: Riding



kaun

English: K, C, G
Meaning: ulcer



hagall

English: H
Meaning: Hail



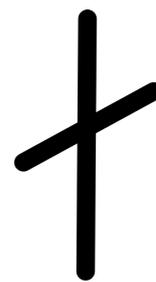
naud

English: N
Meaning: Need



isaz

English: I
Meaning: Ice



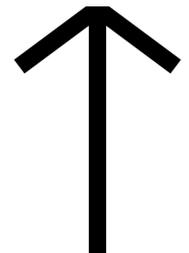
ar

English: a, j
Meaning: Plenty



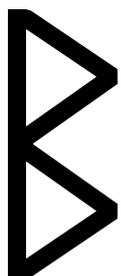
sol

English: S
Meaning: Sun



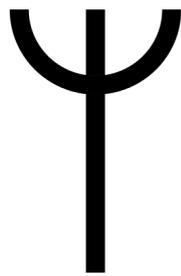
tyr

English: T, D
Meaning: Spear



jarken

English: B
Meaning: Birch tree



mathr

English: M
Meaning: Man



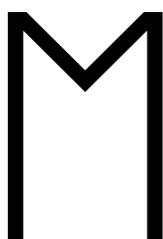
lögr

English: L
Meaning: Sea



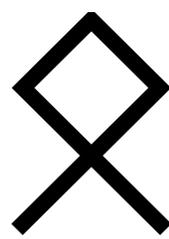
Yr

English: R, Y
Meaning: Yew



ehwaz

English: E
Meaning: Horse



odal

English: o
Meaning: Estate



peoth

English: P
Meaning: Fruit tree



wynn

English: W, v
Meaning: Joy

Futhark in this version ends at yr. However, you may have noticed some English sounds are missing, notably E, O, P, W. This is because the Vikings mostly didn't use these sounds. However, an older version of Futhark does have these letters, and I have listed them on the next line.

Have a go at the activities on the next page!

Activities

Write your name

Have a go at writing your name in runes in the box below. Replace each letter of your name with the matching rune. The letters X and Z do not have rune replacements, if you have a name with an X or Z why not make up your own new rune!

Bind Runes

Bind runes are when you combine two runes by writing them on top of each other to make a new one. This was mostly used for names much like the initials we use today. The most famous bind rune comes from the modern day Bluetooth which you find on mobile phones it is named after Harald Bluetooth, a Viking, and the Bluetooth logo is a bind rune of his initials. The rune hagall (H) is laid on top of the jarken rune (B). Have a go at making your own bind runes below.

