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F N Ð F R < X P H T I G J C Y S T B M M I O M Q



## PRONUNCIATION OF RUNE NAMES

Rune	Name	Letter	Phonetic Value
F	<a href="#">Fehu</a> "fay-who"	F	f as in "fire"
U	<a href="#">Uruz</a> "ooo-rooze"	U	oo as in "booze" (might be pronounced: oo as in "book")
Þ	<a href="#">Thurisaz</a> "thoor-ee-saws"	TH	unvoiced th as in "thorn" (never th as in "the")
F	<a href="#">Ansuz</a> "awn-sooze"	A	a as in "awning", "call" or "law"
R	<a href="#">Raidho</a> "rye-though"	R	r as in "ride"
<	<a href="#">Kenaz</a> "kane-awze"	K or C	k as in "kick", or hard c as in "cane".
X	<a href="#">Gebo</a> "gay-boe" or "yee-boe"	G	hard g as in "gift" , y as in "yes", or silent
P	<a href="#">Wunjo</a> "woon-yo"	W or V	w as in "warm", with lips close together, almost like a "v".
H	<a href="#">Hagalaz</a> "haw-gaw-laws"	H	h as in "hail", aspirate "h" as in modern English
†	<a href="#">Nauthiz</a> "now-these"	N	n as in "need"
I	<a href="#">Isa</a> "ee-saw"	I	ee as in "sleep"
G	<a href="#">Jera</a>	J or Y	y as in "year" or j as in "jaw".

	"yare-awe"		
	<a href="#">Eihwaz</a> "eye-wawz"	<b>EI</b>	i as in "pride", possibly short i as in "pick"
	<a href="#">Perthro</a> "perth-row"	<b>P</b>	p as in "poem"
	<a href="#">Algiz</a> "all-yeese" or Elhaz "ale-hawz"	<b>Z or -R</b>	z or final R
	<a href="#">Sowilo</a> "soe-wee-low"	<b>S</b>	s as in "sun"
	<a href="#">Tiwaz</a> "tea-wawz"	<b>T</b>	t as in "Tuesday"
	<a href="#">Berkano</a> "bear-kawn-oh"	<b>B</b>	b as in "birch"
	<a href="#">Ehwaz</a> "ay-wawz" or Ehwo "ay-woh"	<b>E</b>	a as in "day"
	<a href="#">Mannaz</a> "mawn-nawz"	<b>M</b>	m as in "mankind"
	<a href="#">Laguz</a> "law-gooze"	<b>L</b>	l as in "life"
	<a href="#">Ingwaz</a> "eeeng-wawz"	<b>NG</b>	nasal sound as ng in "singer"
	<a href="#">Dagaz</a> "thaw-gauze"	<b>D</b>	voiced th as in "the" (never unvoiced th as in "thick") or d as in "dog"
	<a href="#">Othala</a> "oath-awe-law"	<b>O</b>	o as in "oath"

Since the Algiz symbol can represent a final rolling -R rather than a Z, one might substitute that sound wherever a Z appears above.

There are as many different pronunciations of the Elder Futhark rune sounds as there are runic authors. Since the names are modern re-creations of what is referred to as "proto-Indo-European", which no longer exists (or perhaps never existed), your guess is as good as the next person's.

