

Examples from some OHG nominal classes

We've encountered fair numbers of OHG nouns in context, and it might be useful to have a short list of examples from major classes. These are just from the standard handbook (Braune & Reiffenstein). You don't need to memorize these but they show some prominent patterns among nouns.

a-stems [huge]

masculine. tag, berg, (h)ring, scalk 'servant', fisk, (h)leib 'bread', hals, stuol, truhtin 'lord', himil, kuning 'king', tiufal

neuter. wort, kind, barn 'child', fel 'Fell', jār, swert, houbit 'head', honag 'honey'

iz/az stems [small but growing]. lamb, kalb, huon 'chicken', farh 'Ferkel', blat, ei

ja-stems. hirti, 'shepherd', kunni 'kin', hrucki 'back'

wa-stems [small]. hlēo 'hill, grave', snēo 'snow', sēo 'sea', wēo 'pain', bū 'Bau, Wohnung', kneo 'knee'

ō-stems [huge]. geba 'gift', erda, ēra 'honor', lēra 'Lehre', zala 'Zahl', fehta 'fight', manunga 'warning', samanunga 'Versammlung'

jō-stems [collapse with ō]. sunta 'sin', kuningin 'queen', reda 'Rede', hella 'hell', brucka 'bridge', minna 'love'

i-stems

masculine. gast, liut 'people', bah 'creek', scaft 'speer', wurm 'worm', slag 'blow'

feminine. anst 'joy', huf, huffi 'hip', hūt 'skin, hide', stat 'place', jugund, tugund 'virtue'

u-stems [mostly gone or going to *i*-stem, some to *a*-stem]

masculine. sunu, hugu 'Sinn', sigu 'victory' fridu 'peace'

feminine. hant

neuter. fihu 'Vieh'

n-stems [huge]

masculine. hano 'chicken', haso 'rabbit', garto 'garden', bero 'bear', sterno 'star', gomo 'man', namo 'name, boto 'Bote'

neuter (few). herza, ōra 'ear', ouga 'eye', wanga 'cheek'

feminine: zunga, bluoma, sunna, diorna 'girl', wituwa, kirihha 'church', frouwa 'woman'

er-stems

masculine: fater, bruoder,

feminine: muoter, tohter, swester