

Gmc > OHG Vowel Exercise: Key (Samantha Litty)

NWGmc Vowel Harmony

mid /e/ raises to /i/ before /u/

high vowels (i,u) are lowered before non high vowels

Primary umlaut: short a → e / ___i/j

Blocked by: hC, LC

Secondary umlaut: ā → æ / ___i/j

PGmc ē > WGmc ā

WGmc ē² > ia > ie

monophthongization

❑ ai > ei > ē / ___r, h, w

❑ au > ou > ō / ___r, (old) h, l, alveolars

diphthongization

❑ ō > uo (not conditioned): bruoder

❑ change in diphthong: eu > io (regional diffs) > ie:

Germanic	OHG	Explanation of changes
1. *nemīþ	nimit	<u>þ > d; height harmony</u>
2. *lambiz	lambir	<u>a > e / ___i, primary umlaut; rhotacism</u>
3. *augō	ouga	<u>au > ou, no monophthongization</u>
4. *auzō	ōra	<u>au > ou > ō / ___r, h, l, alveolars, monophthongization; rhotacism</u>
5. *haubida	houbit	<u>au > ou, no monophthongization,</u>
6. *brōþar	bruoder	<u>ō > uo; diphthongization; þ > d</u>
7. *maist-	meist	<u>au > ei; no monophthongization</u>
8. *hafjan	heffen	<u>a > e / ___j, primary umlaut</u>
9. *beudan	biotan	<u>eu > io, regionally ie; d > t</u>
10. *maiz-	mêr	<u>ai > ei > ē / ___r, h, w, monophthongization, rhotacism</u>
11. *gebis	gibis	<u>height harmony</u>
12. *hauh-	hōh	<u>au > ou > ō / ___r, h, l, alveolars</u>
13. *hurna	horn	<u>u lowered / ___non high vowels; height harmony</u>
14. *mōd-	muot	<u>ō > uo, d > t</u>
15. *stautan	stôzan	<u>au > ou > ō / ___r, h, l, alveolars, t > z</u>