

RUNE	SOUND	NAME	MEANING
ᚠ	F	FEHU	Wealth, Cattle, Property
ᚢ	U (Up)(fOOd)	URUZ	Auroch, Wild Ox
ᚦ	Th	THURISAZ	Troll, Giant, Thor
ᚨ	A (Apple)(AWe)	ANSUZ	God, Divine, Odin
ᚱ	R	RAIDHO	Ride, Journey
ᚷ	K (C)	KENAZ	Ulcer, Boil or Carbuncle
ᚹ	G (G)(CH)	GEBO	Gift
ᚻ	W (W)(V)	WUNJO	Joy, Good Fortune, Delight
ᚿ	H	HAGALAZ	Hail
ᚫ	N	NAUTHIZ	Crowd, Slavery, Suffer Want
ᚱ	I (fIt)	ISA	Ice
ᚳ	J (J)(Y)	JERA	Year, Good Harvest, Crops
ᚴ	I (fY)	EIHWAZ	Yew Tree
ᚵ	P	PERTHRO	Stone, Rock
ᚶ	Z	ALGIZ	Elk, Protection, Shield
ᚷ	S	SOWILO	Sun, Power of the Sun
ᚸ	T	TIWAZ	Sacrifice, Warrior, Tyr
ᚹ	B	BERKANO	Birch tree, Birch Twigs
ᚺ	E (Elf)(EEI)	EHWAZ	Horse
ᚻ	M	MANNAZ	Man, Husband, Human
ᚼ	L	LAGUZ	Water or Lake
ᚾ	NG	INGWAZ	Fertility, Yngvi
ᚿ	O	OTHALA	Estate, Inheritance, Possession
ᚫ	D	DAGAZ	Day

The word Rune means “holding a secret”. Runes are a very old alphabet that people from Germany, Scandinavia, Iceland and Britain used before they started to use Latin letters like the ones we use now.

No-one knows exactly how they were used or what they mean because they weren't used to write in books. The Vikings had what we call an “Oral Tradition” which means they passed information and stories on by word of mouth.

Here are some facts about Runes:

- Words were made from the runes, FTT “ALU”, for example means ale.
- Words were separated by dots or crosses like this $\text{F}\text{T}\text{T}:\text{X}\text{X}\text{X}:\text{R}\text{T}\text{T}\text{T}\text{T}\text{T}:\text{F}\text{T}\text{T}$
- The Norse used them mainly for short inscriptions on gravestones and memorials or on items to show who it belonged to.
- Sometimes they were used to count and record items like goods being transported on a ship.
- The Vikings believed that Runes were not just letters but that they were magical and each rune had its own power.
- Sometimes runes would be used to grant magical properties to an object.
- The Norse believed you could tell someone's fortune or see the future using runes.

Can you think of some ways to use Runes?

- Perhaps you could write an inscription about someone who did great deeds.
- Or maybe you could use Runes to write your name on your belongings.
- Remember! Don't just do a letter swap, you must think of the sounds before choosing your Runes. So IAN would not be JFT but MFT .
- Maybe you could write a spell to protect you or your belongings

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