

PIE Etymon and IE Reflexes

Indo-European Lexicon

Below we display: a Proto-Indo-European (PIE) etymon adapted from Pokorny, with our own English gloss; our Semantic Field assignment(s) for the etymon, linked to information about the field(s); an optional Comment; and Reflexes (derived words) in various Indo-European languages, organized by family/group in west-to-east order where Germanic is split into West/North/East families and English, our language of primary emphasis, is artificially separated from West Germanic. IE Reflexes appear most often as single words with any optional letter(s) enclosed in parentheses; but alternative full spellings are separated by '/' and "principal parts" appear in a standard order (e.g. masculine, feminine, and neuter forms) separated by commas.

Reflexes are annotated with: Part-of-Speech and/or other Grammatical feature(s); a short Gloss which, especially for modern English reflexes, may be confined to the *oldest* sense; and some Source citation(s) with 'LRC' *always* understood as editor. Keys to PoS/Gram feature abbreviations and Source codes appear below the reflexes; at the end are links to the previous/next etyma [in Pokorny's alphabetic order] that have reflexes.

All reflex pages are currently **under active construction**; as time goes on, corrections may be made and/or more etyma & reflexes may be added.

Pokorny Etymon: *terk-, trek-, tork-, trok-* 'to **torque**, turn'

Semantic Field(s): [to Turn](#)

Indo-European Reflexes:

Family/Language	Reflex(es)	PoS/Gram.	Gloss	Source(s)
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English				
Old English:	<i>þwe(o)rh, þwyrh</i>	adj	cross, angry; crooked, perverse	ASD
	<i>þweorian, þwyrrian</i>	vb	to thwart, be adverse	ASD
Middle English:	<i>thwert</i>	adv/prep	thwart	W7
	<i>thwerten</i>	vb	to thwart	CDC
	<i>torche</i>	n	torch	W7
	<i>torment</i>	n	torment	W7
	<i>tort</i>	n	tort	W7
	<i>tortuous</i>	adj	tortuous	W7
	<i>trussen</i>	vb	to truss	W7
English:	<i>athwart</i>	adv/prep	crosswise, transversely, from side to side; across	AHD
	<i>contort</i>	vb	to twist in violent manner	AHD/W7
	<i>distort</i>	vb.trans	to twist out of true meaning/proportion	AHD/W7
	<i>extort</i>	vb.trans	to wring, obtain by force/undue power/ingenuity	AHD/W7
	<i>nasturtium</i>	n	herb having showy spurred flowers	AHD/W7
	<i>queer</i>	adj	odd, strange, deviating from normal/expected	AHD
	<i>retort</i>	vb	to return, pay back	AHD/W7
	<i>thwart</i>	adv/prep	athwart; (obliquely) across/transverse	AHD/W7
	<i>thwart</i>	vb	to cross, oppose, frustrate	CDC
	<i>torch</i>	n	flambeau, resinous wood/twist of tow	AHD/W7

			burnt to give light	
	<i>torment</i>	n	torture (inflicted e.g. by rack/wheel)	AHD/W7
	<i>torque</i>	n	force producing torsion/rotation	AHD/W7
	<i>torque</i>	n	metal collar/neck-chain worn by ancient Celts/Germans	AHD/W7
	<i>torque</i>	vb.trans	to turn, twist, rotate	LRC
	<i>torsade</i>	n	twisted cord/ribbon used as hat ornament	AHD/W7
	<i>torsion</i>	n	twisting/wrenching by exertion of force	AHD/W7
	<i>tort</i>	n	wrongful act for which civil action is admissible	AHD/W7
	<i>tortuous</i>	adj	winding, marked by repeated bends/twists/turns	AHD/W7
	<i>torture</i>	n	infliction of intense pain	AHD/W7
	<i>truss</i>	vb.trans	to bind, secure tightly	AHD/W7
West Germanic				
Middle Low German:	<i>dwer</i>	adj	queer, oblique	AHD
Old High German:	<i>drāhsil</i>	n	turner	W7
	<i>dwerah</i>	adj	athwart, oblique, transverse	W7
German:	<i>Drechsler</i>	n.masc	turner	LRC
North Germanic				
Old Norse:	<i>þverr</i>	adj	athwart, oblique, transverse	W7

Icelandic:	<i>þverr</i>	adj	cross; transverse	ASD
East Germanic				
Gothic:	<i>þwairhs</i>	adj	cross, angry	ASD
Italic				
Latin:	<i>contorqueō, contorquēre</i>	vb	to turn, twist, contort	W7
	<i>contortus</i>	vb.ptc	contorted	W7
	<i>distorqueō, distorquere</i>	vb	to twist awry, distort	W7
	<i>distortus</i>	vb.ptc	distorted	W7
	<i>extorqueō, extorquēre</i>	vb	to wrench out, extort	W7
	<i>extortus</i>	vb.ptc	extorted	W7
	<i>nasturtium</i>	n.neut	nasturtium	W7
	<i>retorqueō, retorquēre</i>	vb	to twist/throw back	W7
	<i>retortus</i>	vb.ptc	thrown back	W7
	<i>tormentum</i>	n.neut	torment	W7
	<i>torqueō, torquēre</i>	vb	to turn, twist, torque	W7
	<i>torques</i>	n.masc	torque	W7
	<i>tortuosus</i>	adj	twisted, tortuous	W7
	<i>tortus</i>	adj.ptc	torqued, twisted	W7
Vulgar Latin:	<i>torca</i>	n.fem	torch	W7
Late Latin:	<i>torsus</i>	vb.ptc	twisted	W7
	<i>tortura</i>	n.fem	torture	W7
Old French:	<i>torche</i>	n.fem	torch	W7
	<i>torment</i>	n.masc	pain, worry, torment	W7
	<i>trousser</i>	vb	to take up	W7
Middle French:	<i>tort</i>	n.masc	fault	W7
	<i>tortueux</i>	adj	tortuous	W7

French:	<i>torque</i>	n.masc	torque: Celtic necklace	W7
	<i>tors</i>	adj	twisted	W7
	<i>torsade</i>	n.fem	torsade, braiding by twisting	W7
	<i>torture</i>	n.fem	torture	W7
Hellenic				
Greek:	ἄτρακτος	n.masc	spindle; arrow	LRC

Key to Part-of-Speech/Grammatical feature abbreviations:

Abbrev.		Meaning
adj	=	adjective
adv	=	adverb(ial)
fem	=	feminine (gender)
masc	=	masculine (gender)
n	=	noun
neut	=	neuter (gender)
prep	=	preposition
ptc	=	participle
trans	=	transitive
vb	=	verb

Key to information Source codes (a/ways with 'LRC' as editor):

Code		Citation
AHD	=	Calvert Watkins: The American Heritage Dictionary of Indo-European Roots, 2nd ed. (2000)
ASD	=	Joseph Bosworth and T. Northcote Toller: An Anglo-Saxon Dictionary (1898)
CDC	=	W.D. Whitney and B.E. Smith: The Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia (1889-1911)

LRC	=	Linguistics Research Center, University of Texas, Austin
W7	=	Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary (1963)