

Germanic Sound Shift

(This is also known as the first sound shift.)

A Quick Overview of the Consonants

Column 1 displays a list of consonants found in words in the Proto-Indo-European language.

These consonants appear in the proto-Germanic language as the sounds listed in column 2.

The characters marked with an asterisk (*) in column 3 represent the consonants in Verner's Law.

Sounds in Proto-Indo-European	appear in Proto-Germanic as:	and sometimes as:	<i>Explanation of Symbols</i>
p	→ f	(β)*	θ - "th" as in English <i>thick, thin, thought</i>
t	→ θ	(ð)*	
k	→ χ	(ȝ)*	
b ^h	→ β	(b)	b ^h - no equivalent - "b" with a puff of air following
d ^h	→ ð	(d)	d ^h - no equivalent - "d" with a puff of air following
g ^h	→ ȝ	(g)	g ^h - no equivalent - "g" with a puff of air following
			β - no equivalent - "b" with air passing through lips
b	→ p		ð - "th" as in English <i>the, other, than</i>
d	→ t		
g	→ k		
			ȝ - "g" with air passing through similar to German "r"