

Beowulf Pronunciation Guide

Accent always falls on first syllable; make the h before r and n a strongly - breathed sound; ch in the pronunciation equivalent indicates the sound of ch in Bach or Scottish loch. The sounds indicated by – aya - and –ayo - are single syllables, somewhat like the vowel sounds in "yeah" and "hail."

NAME	PRONOUNCED
Ælfhere	alf hair uh
Æschere	ash hair uh
Beanstan	bayan stahn
Dæghrefn	day hreven
Eadgils	ayad gils (hard g)
Eanmund	ayan mund
Earnaness	er nuh ness
Ecgtheow	edge thayo
Eofor	ayo ver
Freawaru	fraya wah roo
Geat	gayat
Hæthcyn	hath kin
Healfdene	half day nuh (pronounce the l)
Heardred	har dred
Heorogar	hair uh gar
Heorot	hair ut
Herebeald	hair uh bald
Heremod	hair uh mode
Hildeburh	hil duh burch
Hnæf	hnaff
Hoc	hoke
Hreosnabeorh	hrayos nuh bairch
Hronesnes	hron us ness
Hrothgar	hroth gar
Hygelac	hee yuh lahk
Nægling	nail ing
Ohthere	ocht hair uh
Ongentheow	on gen thayo (hard g)
Scefing	shay ving
Scop	shope
Scyld	shild
Wealththeow	walch thayo
Weohstan	wech stahn
Wiglaf	wee lahf