
BEOWULF PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Some general guidelines:

- Always accent the first syllable of a name.
- Initial “h” is aspirated (strongly-breathed): *Hrothgar*.
- “g” is sometimes silent: *Hygelac* or *Wiglaf*.
- “sc” sounds like “sh”: *scop*
- “ch” sounds like the “ch” in *Bach* or Scottish *loch*.

NAME	PRONUNCIATION
Aeschere	ASH-hair-uh
Beowulf	BAY-oh-wolf
Ecgtheow	EDGE-thayo
Freawaru	FRAYA-wah-roo
Geat	GAY-aht
Healfdene	HALF-day-nuh (pronounce the l)
Heorot	HAY-oh-roht
Heremod	HAIR-uh-mohd
Hrothgar	HROTH-gar
Hygelac	HEE-yuh-lahk
Nægling	NAIL-ing
scop	SHOHP
Scyld Scefing	SHILD SHAY-ving
Unferth	OON-fairth
Wealhtheow	WALCH-thayo
Wiglaf	WEE-lahf
