

BEOWULF PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- The accent always falls on the first syllable of a name.
- The "sc" that starts many of the names is pronounced "sh"
- The "e" is usually pronounced as an independent vowel
 - ✓ "Beowulf" is "Bay-oh-wolf"
 - ✓ "Heorot" is "Hay-oh-roht"
 - ✓ "Geats" are Gay'ahts"
- The letter "h" at the beginning of a name is aspirated (strongly-breathed)
- The letter "g" is sometimes silent
- "Ch" sounds like the "ch" in *Bach* or *loch*.

Name:	Pronunciation:
Aeschere	ash hair uh
Ecgtheow	edge thayo
Geat	gay at
Healfdene	half day nuh (pronounce the l)
Heorot	hay oh roht
Herebeald	hair uh bald
Heremod	hair uh mode
Hrothgar	hroth gar
Hygelac	hee yuh lahk
Nægling	nail ing
Scefing	shay ving
scop	shope
Scyld	shild
Unferth	oon fairth
Wealhtheow	walch thayo
Weohstan	wech stahn
Wiglaf	wee lahf