

Chapter 6: Common nouns, rare declensions

Many nouns that occur frequently belong to declensions that contain very few words, as explained in §6.3. This exercise should acquaint you with some common nouns whose inflections may cause difficulty. For each **bold** noun or noun phrase, indicate its case and number.

1. \bar{E} adgýð is mīn sweostor, **mīnes fæder** dohtor.
case _____ number _____
2. Þā fēng Cynric tō þām rīce¹ and hēold seofontýne² **winter**.
case _____ number _____
3. \bar{E} adward lāfde þæt sweord **his yldestan suna**.
case _____ number _____
4. Se Iacob gēstrýnde **twelf suna**.
case _____ number _____
5. **Sigerōfe hælēþ** ēodon þā tō healle.
case _____ number _____
6. **Se hæle** bēotode ymbe his ellen.
case _____ number _____
7. **Þes hælēþ** hæfð gōd sweord.
case _____ number _____
8. Ic rehte syllic spell **mīnum brēðer**.
case _____ number _____
9. Iobes **þrēo dohtra**³ wāron ācwealde.
case _____ number _____
10. Se earga cempa flēah tō **wuda**.
case _____ number _____
11. Wē etað cýse⁴ and **ǣgru** and fisc.
case _____ number _____
12. Se cniht hylt an spere on his **handa**.
case _____ number _____
13. Sēo cwēn āhof ūp hire **handa**.
case _____ number _____

1 *fēng . . . tō þām rīce*: succeeded to the kingdom.

2 *seofontýne*: seventeen.

3 *dohtra*: Not the expected form according to table 6.12; but see reading 3/39, 105. The present ending is from the strong feminines.

4 *cýse*: cheese.

14. **Þā brōðor** sæton on þære benče.
case _____ number _____
15. Þæs ymb⁵ **twēgen mōnaþ** gefeaht Ælfred cyning wiþ þone here.
case _____ number _____

5 *Þæs ymb*: after that.