

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 noun or noun phrase in bold type, indicate its case and number.

1. *Ēadgýð* is *mīn* sweostor, **mīnes fæder** dohtor.
case _____ number _____
2. *Þā fēng* Cynric tō *þām rīce*¹ and *hēold* seofontýne² **winter**.
case _____ number _____
3. *Ēadweard* lāefde *þæt* sweord **his yldestan suna**.
case _____ number _____
4. Se Iacob gēstrýnde **twelf suna**.
case _____ number _____
5. **Sigerōfe hāleþ** ēodon *þā* tō healle.
case _____ number _____
6. **Se hāle** bēotode ymbe his ellen.
case _____ number _____
7. **Þes hāleþ** hāfð *gōd* sweord.
case _____ number _____
8. *Ic* rehte syllic spell **mīnum brēðer**.
case _____ number _____
9. Iobes **þrēo dohtra**³ wæron ācwealde.
case _____ number _____
10. Se earga cempa flēah tō **wuda**.
case _____ number _____
11. *Wē* etað *čýse*⁴ and **ægru** and fisc.
case _____ number _____
12. Se cniht hylt an spere on his **handa**.
case _____ number _____
13. *Sēo* cwēn āhof ūp hire **handa**.
case _____ number _____
14. **Þā brōðor** sǣton on *þære* benče.
case _____ number _____
15. *Þæs* ymb⁵ **twēgen mōnaþ** gēfeahrt *Ælfred* cyning wip þone here.
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 *čýse*: cheese.

5 *Þæs ymb*: after that.