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English

Etymology

From Ancient Greek Δημήτηρ (*Dēmḗtēr*), from γῆ (*gê*) + μήτηρ (*mētēr*).

Pronunciation

- IPA^(key): /dəˈmi,t̩.ɹ̩/

Proper noun

Demeter

- (*Greek mythology*) The goddess of the fertility of the Earth and harvests, protector of marriage and social order; daughter of Cronos and Rhea, mother to Persephone. Her Roman counterpart is Ceres.
- (*astronomy*) Short for 1108 Demeter, a main belt asteroid.

Translations

±Greek goddess of the harvest

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±Asteroid

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Anagrams

- metered
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Hungarian

Pronunciation

- IPA^(key): /'dɛmɛtɛr/
- Audio 0:00
- Hyphenation: De-me-ter

Proper noun

Demeter

1. *A male given name.*

Declension

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Ancient Greek

Etymology

The second half is generally believed to be μήτηρ (*mḗtēr*, “mother”). The first element is classically explained as an archaic form of γῆ (*gê*, “earth”), however this is disputed.

Alternative forms

- Δαμάτηρ (*Damátēr*) (Arcadocypriot, Boeotian, Doric)
- Δημήτρα (*Dēmḗtra*)
- Δωμάτηρ (*Dōmátēr*) (Aeolic)

Pronunciation

- (*5th BC Attic*): IPA: /dɛmɛ́ɛtɛɾ/
- (*1st BC Egyptian*): IPA: /deːméːteːr/
- (*4th AD Koine*): IPA: /ðimítir/
- (*10th AD Byzantine*): IPA: /ðimítir/
- (*15th AD Constantinopolitan*): IPA: /ðimítir/

Proper noun

Δημήτηρ • (*Dēmḗtēr*) (*genitive* **Δήμητρος**) *f*, *third declension*

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Inflection

Third declension of Δημήτηρ, Δήμητρος	[show ▼]
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Related terms

- Δηώ (Dēō)

Derived terms

- Δημήτριος (Dēmétrios)

Descendants

- Greek: Δημήτηρ *m* (Dimítir)
 Δήμητρα *f* (Dímitra)
 δημητριακά *n, pl* (dimitriaká, “cereal, breakfast cereal”)
- Latin: Demeter

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Ancient Greek

Alternative forms

- μάτηρ (*mátēr*) *Doric*

Etymology

From Proto-Hellenic **mātēr* (compare Mycenaean Greek 𐀓𐀓𐀗 𐀓𐀓𐀗 𐀓𐀓𐀗 (*ma-te-re*), Doric μάτηρ (*mátēr*)), from Proto-Indo-European **méh₂tēr*. Cognates include Phrygian 𐌆𐌆𐌆𐌆 (*matar*), Old Armenian մայր (*mayr*), Latin *māter*, Old Persian 𐎠𐎡𐎴 𐎠𐎡𐎴 𐎠𐎡𐎴 (*mātā*), Avestan *mātar*, Sanskrit मातृ (*mātr̥*), Old Church Slavonic мати (*mati*), and Old English *mōdor* (English *mother*).

Pronunciation

- IPA: /mɛ̌ː.tɛːr/ → /^hmi.tir/ → /^hmi.tir/

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Noun

μήτηρ • (*mētēr*) (*genitive μητέρος or μητρός*); *f*, *third declension*;

- mother
- source or origin

Usage notes

The singular genitive and dative are often contracted to μητρός (*mētrós*) and μητρί (*mētrí*) respectively.

Descendants

- Greek: μητέρα (mitéra)

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