



## Pronunciation Guide for The Last Shadow Warrior

Word	Phonetic	Definition
Aesir	<b>Ace</b> + ear	The name for one of the two groups of gods in Norse mythology. In <i>The Last Shadow Warrior</i> , the name is used to refer to superhuman Viking warriors.
Algiz	<b>Ahl</b> + geez	The Norse rune (letter) of protection and life.
Beowulf	<b>Bay</b> + oh + wolf	A hero from Scandinavian folklore, and also the name of the epic poem that tells of his feats.
Bjarni	B + <b>yar</b> + nee	The Viking merchant who spotted North America 500 years before Christopher Columbus.
Eihwaz	<b>Ay</b> + wahz	The Norse rune (letter) for the yew tree.
Knattleikr	Kin + <b>attle</b> + eye + kur	A real, ancient game literally translated “ballgame” played by the Vikings which Abby learns for the first time at Vale Hall.
Loki	<b>Low</b> + key	The mischievous half-son of Odin in Norse mythology.
Lutefisk	<b>Loot</b> + fisk	A Scandinavian fish meal with a very strong odor. Abby describes it as “fish Jell-O.”
Mjolnir	Mee + <b>ohl</b> + neer	The legendary hammer of the Norse god Thor which he used to defend Earth from giants.
Svefnthorn	<b>Svef</b> + in + thorn	A “sleep thorn” from Norse legend that would put one’s enemies into a deep sleep.
Valkyrie	<b>Val</b> + kuh + ree	The winged maidens from Norse mythology who after battles were said to carry off the dead to Valhalla.
Yggdrasil	Ig + <b>drah</b> + suhl	The enormous tree from Norse mythology said to hold the nine worlds including Earth. In TLSW, his name is shortened to “Iggy” and he talks and loves tongue twisters and tacos.

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