

Chapter 7. Appendix 10i. The Top Five Proper Types by Decade 1920s – 1990s.

Decade of Texts	Top 5 Proper Types & number of times evidenced
1920s Texts	Finn - Fionn - 79 / Maildun - 44 / Diarmuid – 29 / Oisín – 24
1930s Texts	Fionn - 69 / Oisín - 38 / Maelduin - 27
1940s Texts	Cuchulain~n - 78 / Ferdia - 42 / Oisín – 40 / Fionn – 36 / Setanta - 28
1950s Texts	Fionn -Finn - 78 / Oisín - 19 / Finegas – 12
1960s Texts	Fionn - 46 / Oisín - 25 / Niamh - 14 / Setanta – 13 / Caoilte - 11
1970s Texts	Deirdre - 37 / Fionn - 32 / Naoise - 26 / Oisín – 22 / Fergus - 12
1980s Texts	Fionn - Finn – 70 / Cuchulainn - 51 / Maeve - Meabh - 49 / Ferdia – 26 / Conor - 21
1990s Texts	Fionn - Finn – 133 / Cuchulainn - 54 / Conor - 50 / Setanta – 42 / Maeve – 34

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The most frequent occurring proper word throughout the eight decades is ‘Fionn’ (sometimes spelt as ‘Finn’), occurring in all of the texts analysed from the eight decades. The number of occurrences for the words ‘Fionn’ and ‘Finn’ (in the decade analyses) totals 523 instances.

The next most frequent occurring proper word is ‘Cuchulainn’ (sometimes spelt as ‘Cuchulain’), occurring in three of the eight decades analysed, with a total number of 183 instances. ‘Oisín’ is the third most frequent occurring proper word, occurring in six of the eight decades analysed, with a total number of 168 instances.