

***abjō** Runic: 𐌰𐌶𐌵 Pronunciation: /'ɑβ.jõ:/

noun · feminine · ōn-stem

Meanings

ebb; the receding or low tide; North Germanic reflexes show a related sense ‘mud, ooze’, probably from matter left behind by receding water

Etymology

From earlier **abjō*, probably a feminine derivative of **ab*, ultimately from Proto-Indo-European **h₂epó*, more specifically from a substantivized feminine *h₂ep-yéh₂*. Compare Ancient Greek ἄπιος (*ápios*) as the closest formal comparandum to a **-yéh₂*- derivative (Beekes 2010: 116; Dunkel 2014: 70; Orel 2003: 1; Pokorny 1959: 54).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	abjō	abjōniz
Acc.	abjōnu	abjōnunz
Gen.	abjōniz	abjōnġ
Dat.	abjōni	abjōmaz
Inst.	abjōnē	abjōmiz
Voc.	abjō	abjōniz

Descendants

***abbjā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| ***ebba** (Old High German)

***abbjā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| ***ebba** (Old Dutch)

| | **ebbe** (Middle Dutch)

| | | **eb** (Dutch)

| | | **eb** (Afrikaans)

***abbjā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **ebba** (Old English)

| | **ebbe** (Middle English)

| | | **ebb** (English)

| | | **ebb, eb** (Scots)

***abbjā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| ***ebbe, ebba** (Old Frisian)

| | **ebe** (North Frisian)

| | **Äbbe** (Saterland Frisian)

| | **ebbe** (West Frisian)

***abbjā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| ***ebbia, ebbiunga** (Old Saxon)

| | **ebbe** (Middle Low German)

| | | **ebbe** (Danish)

| | | **Ebbe** (German)

| | | **Ebbe** (Low German)

| | | **ebb** (Swedish)

efja (Old Norse)

| **evja** (Faroese)

| **efja** (Icelandic)

| **ave** (Norwegian)

| **evje** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

efja (Old Norse)

| **æfia** (Old Swedish)

| | **ävja** (Swedish)

***vuopējē** (Proto-Samic)

***apaja** (Proto-Finnic)

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