

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

hearth; forge-hearth

Etymology

Uncertain. Kroonen (2013: 3) posits the derivation from a thematicized reflex of a Proto-Indo-European amphikinetic *l/n*-stem $*h_2épōl \sim *h_2épl$, genitive $*h_2p-n-ós$ ('fire pit, hearth'), comparing it with Hittite $\text{𒀭} \text{𒈾} \text{𒌷} \text{𒍪} \text{𒂊}$ — (*ḫa-ap-pé-na-aš /happenaš/*). But the Hittite form may alternatively belong to a separate derivative, $*h_3op-en-o-$ from the root $*h_3ep-$, comparable with Ancient Greek ὀπτός (*optós*) and ὀπτάω (*optáo,*) (Puhvel 1991: 121–22), in which case the direct *l/n*-stem comparison is less secure. (Wachter (1997) gives good reason to doubt the existence of an *l/n* heteroclitc class.) A substrate or technical *Wanderwort* origin is also possible.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aflaz	aflōz, aflōs
Acc.	aflaḡ	aflanz
Gen.	aflas, aflis	aflô
Dat.	aflai	aflamaz
Inst.	aflō	aflamiz
Voc.	afl	aflōz, aflōs

Descendants

- afl (Old Norse)
 - alvur, alvi (Faroese)
 - afl (Icelandic)

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