

***afla**

Runic: ᚠ ᚦ ᚱ ᚦ

Pronunciation: /'αφ.ιλ̩/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

power, strength, might; bodily or effective force

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **h₃ép-lo-m*, from Proto-Indo-European **h₃ep-* (Kroonen 2013: 2; Rix et al. 2001: 299). The original sense was probably ‘working power, effective capacity’ > ‘strength, might’.

Cognates and close comparanda include Latin *opus*, Vedic Sanskrit अपस् (*ápas-*), and possibly Hittite 𐎶𐎵𐎠𐎶 (*ḫa-a-ap-pár* /*ḫāppar*/) and 𐎶𐎵𐎠𐎶𐎶𐎶𐎶𐎶𐎶 (*ḫa-ap-pí-na-* /*ḫappina-*/) (Kloekhorst 2008: 295–97).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	afl̥	afl̥
Acc.	afl̥	afl̥
Gen.	aflas, aflis	afl̥̂
Dat.	aflai	aflamaz
Inst.	afl̥	aflamiz
Voc.	afl̥	afl̥

Descendants

***afl** (Proto-West Germanic)

afol, **abal** (Old English)

afel (Middle English)

***afl** (Proto-West Germanic)

evel (Old Frisian)

aval (Old Saxon)

***afl** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***abal**, ***afal** (Old High German)

afel (Middle High German)

afl, **aflī**, **efla** (Old Norse)

avl (Danish)

alv (Faroese)

afl, **aflī**, **efla** (Icelandic)

avl (Norwegian)

afl, **aflī**, **efla** (Old Norse)

afl (Old Swedish)

avel (Swedish)

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