

**\*agluz** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌵 Pronunciation: /'ɑɣ.luz/

adjective · u-stem

## Meanings

difficult, hard; troublesome or burdensome, especially in the sense ‘causing toil, pain, or distress’

## Etymology

From pre-Germanic *\*h<sub>2</sub>eg<sup>h</sup>-l-u-s*, a *u*-stem adjective built on an *\*-l-* extension of Proto-Indo-European root *\*h<sub>2</sub>eg<sup>h</sup>-*, literally ‘painful, distressing’, hence ‘difficult, burdensome’. It is the *u*-stem counterpart of *\*aglaz* < *\*h<sub>2</sub>eg<sup>h</sup>-lô-s*. This *u*-stem version only survived in Gothic and was remodeled as a *ja-/jô*-stem in West Germanic (Visser 2024: 6–11). Compare Sanskrit अघ (aghá), Sanskrit अघल (aghala), Ancient Greek ἄχος (ákhos)/ἄχνημαι (ákhnūmai), and possibly Latin *algus* (Kroonen 2013: 5; Mallory & Adams 1997: 43; Matasović 2022: 8–9).

## Declension

### Strong declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc.      | Sg. Fem.   | Sg. Neut.      | Pl. Masc.  | Pl. Fem.   | Pl. Neut.  |
|-------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nom.  | agluz          | aglī       | aglų, -jatō    | aglijai    | aglijōz    | aglijō     |
| Acc.  | aglijanō       | aglijō     | aglų, -jatō    | aglijanz   | aglijōz    | aglijō     |
| Gen.  | aglijas, aglīs | aglijaizōz | aglijas, aglīs | aglijaizō  | aglijaizō  | aglijaizō  |
| Dat.  | aglijammai     | aglijaizōi | aglijammai     | aglijaimaz | aglijaimaz | aglijaimaz |
| Inst. | aglijanō       | aglijaizō  | aglijanō       | aglijaimiz | aglijaimiz | aglijaimiz |

Weak declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc. | Sg. Fem.  | Sg. Neut. | Pl. Masc.  | Pl. Fem.   | Pl. Neut.  |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nom.  | aglijô    | aglijǫ    | aglijô    | aglijaniz  | aglijōniz  | aglijōnō   |
| Acc.  | aglijanų  | aglijōnų  | aglijô    | aglijanunz | aglijōnunz | aglijōnō   |
| Gen.  | aglīniz   | aglijōniz | aglīniz   | aglijanġ   | aglijōnġ   | aglijanġ   |
| Dat.  | aglīni    | aglijōni  | aglīni    | aglijammaz | aglijōmaz  | aglijammaz |
| Inst. | aglīnē    | aglijōnē  | aglīnē    | aglijammiz | aglijōmiz  | aglijammiz |

Descendants

- eġle (Old English)
  - eile, eyle (Middle English)
    - ail (English)

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