

***ahsō** Runic: 𐌱𐌶𐌰 Pronunciation: /'ax.sɔː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

axle; the shaft or axis on which wheels turn

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **h₂éks-eh₂*, a feminine **-eh₂*-stem built from Proto-Indo-European **h₂éks-* (Kroonen 2013: 6). Compare Sanskrit अक्ष (*akṣá-*), Ancient Greek ἄξων (*áxōn*), Latin *axis*, Lithuanian *asīs*, and Old Church Slavonic ось (*osī*) (Lubotsky 2023: 257; Mallory & Adams 1997: 39–40). Related to *l*-derivative **ahslō*; van Sluis et al. (2023: 231) argue that Latin *āla* and *axilla* show the same wider inherited formation, so the ‘axle’ meaning itself is archaic.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	ahsō	ahsōz
Acc.	ahsō	ahsōz
Gen.	ahsōz	ahsō
Dat.	ahsōi	ahsōmaz
Inst.	ahsō	ahsōmiz
Voc.	ahsō	ahsōz

Descendants

***ahsu** (Proto-West Germanic)

eax (Old English)

***ahsu** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***assa** (Old Dutch)

asse (Middle Dutch)

as (Dutch)

as (Afrikaans)

***ahsu** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ax** (Old Frisian)

as (West Frisian)

***ahsu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ahsa (Old High German)

ahse (Middle High German)

Uechs (Alemannic German)

Achs (Luxembourgish)

***ahsu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ahsa (Old High German)

ahse (Middle High German)

Achse (German)

akse (Norwegian Bokmål)

***ahsu** (Proto-West Germanic)

ahsa (Old Saxon)

asse (Middle Low German)

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