

***ahtōu** Runic: ᚱᚨᚱᚰᚱᚰ Pronunciation: /'ax.tɔ:u/

numeral

Meanings

eight

Etymology

Traditionally from Proto-Indo-European **oktōw*, more fully analyzed as a laryngeal preform such as **h₃ek̑t-eh₃u*, perhaps an old dual formation meaning ‘two fours’, though this internal analysis remains uncertain (Kroonen 2013: 6). Blažek (1998) suggests **h₂ok̑toh₁(w)*, characterizing it as dual form of *o*-stem **h₂ok̑to-*, ultimately from root **h₂ek̑-*, meaning ‘a set of points (of one hand)’ = ‘fingers (without thumb)’. Cognates are Latin *octō*, Ancient Greek *ὀκτώ* (*oktō*), Old Irish *ocht*, Welsh *wyth*, Sanskrit *अष्टौ* (*aṣṭáu*), Lithuanian *aštuoni*, and Latvian *astoņi* (Meier-Brügger 2003: 234; Watkins 2011: s.v. *oktō(u)*).

Descendants

***ahtō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ahto (Old Dutch)

achte, acht (Middle Dutch)

ach (Limburgish)

acht (Zealandic)

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ahto (Old Dutch)

achte, acht (Middle Dutch)

acht (Dutch)

agt, ag (Afrikaans)

***ahtō** (Proto-West Germanic)

eahta, æhta, ehta, ahta (Old English)

eighte, eight, eiȝt, eiȝte, eyȝt, ahte, eahte, ehhte, ehte, aghte, aucht, aughte (Middle English)

echt, aucht (Scots)

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eight (English)

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achta, echta (Old Frisian)

oachte, oacht, oage, oa (Saterland Frisian)

acht (West Frisian)

***ahtō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ahto (Old High German)

ahte (Middle High German)

acht, ocht, àcht (Alemannic German)

achde (Bavarian)

aach, aacht, ach (Central Franconian)

achte (East Central German)

acht (German)

acht (Rhine Franconian)

אַכט (akht) (Yiddish)

***ahtō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ahto, achto, ahte, achte (Old Saxon)

achte, acht (Middle Low German)

acht (Low German)

acht (Dutch Low Saxon)

átta (Old Norse)

átta (Faroese)

átta (Icelandic)

átte (Norwegian)

átta (Old Norse)

attæ (Old Danish)

otte (Danish)

átta (Old Norse)

ätta, ata, āta (Old Swedish)

åtta (Swedish)

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