

***aibraz** Runic: ᚦᚱᚱᚱᚦᚢ Pronunciation: /'aj.βraz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

1. sharp, bitter
2. vehement, dire
3. violent

Etymology

Uncertain, but possibly from Proto-Germanic **oy-b^hr-ó-s* from Proto-Indo-European **óy-* + the zero-grade of the root **b^her-* + thematic **-ó-* with a meaning like ‘alone-bearing’ or ‘carrying/keeping to itself’ (Dunkel 2014: 587–88; Wodtko et al. 2008: 16). Possible comparanda are Tocharian A *ewär* and dialectal Lithuanian *aibrùmas* (Wodtko et al. 2008: 21 n. 16), perhaps from an earlier sense ‘bitterness, astringency’. Dunkel (2014: 587–88) analyzes the word with a semantic path ‘isolated, alone’ → ‘wild, unruly’ → ‘harsh, fierce’.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	aibraz	aibrō	aibrą, -atō	aibrai	aibrōz	aibrō
Acc.	aibrānō	aibrō	aibrą, -atō	aibranz	aibrōz	aibrō
Gen.	aibras, -is	aibraizōz	aibras, -is	aibraizô	aibraizô	aibraizô
Dat.	aibrammai	aibraizōi	aibrammai	aibraimaz	aibraimaz	aibraimaz
Inst.	aibrānō	aibraizō	aibrānō	aibraimiz	aibraimiz	aibraimiz

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Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	aibrô	aibrġ	aibrô	aibraniz	aibrōniz	aibrōnō
Acc.	aibranu	aibrōnu	aibrô	aibranunz	aibrōnunz	aibrōnō
Gen.	aibriniz	aibrōniz	aibriniz	aibranġ	aibrōnġ	aibranġ
Dat.	aibrini	aibrōni	aibrini	aibrammaz	aibrōmaz	aibrammaz
Inst.	aibrinē	aibrōnē	aibrinē	aibrammiz	aibrōmiz	aibrammiz

Descendants

***aibr** (Proto-West Germanic)
| **ābor**, **āfor** (Old English)
| **eibar**, **eivar**, **eifar**, **aipar**, **eipar**, **eiber**, **eiver**, **eifir** (Old High German)

***aibr** (Proto-West Germanic)
| ***āver** (Old Frisian)
| | **aver** (Dutch)

æfr (Old Norse)
| **æfur** (Icelandic)

𐌵𐌹𐍂𐍱** (aifrs**) (Gothic)

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