

***aidija** Runic: 𐌱𐌿𐌳𐌰𐌿𐌵𐌿𐌳𐌰 Pronunciation: /'aɪ.ði.jã/

noun · neuter · ja-stem

Meanings

isthmus, strait

Etymology

Possibly from pre-Germanic **h₁oy-t-yó-m*, a nominalized neuter of a gerundival/adjectival formation, **h₁oy-tó-s*, built from the o-grade of Proto-Indo-European root **h₁ey-* (Kroonen 2013: 8). Semantically, it would be: ‘passable’ > ‘passage, portage’ > ‘isthmus, strait’. Compare Ancient Greek *ἰτός* (*itós*) from the more typical zero-grade of the root, **h₁i-tó-s*, Latin *itus*, and Sanskrit *इत* (*ita*) (Ringe 2017: 186; Watkins 2011: s.v. **ei-*). The formally related **aiþaz* may reflect a parallel **h₁óy-to-s* formation with a semantic development ‘course, going’ > ‘oath’ (van Sluis et al. 2023: 219). Lehmann (1942: 127) considered this to be a *d^h*-extension of the same root, **h₁oy-d^h-yo-m*, comparing Ancient Greek *ἴθμα* (*íthmā*), which is related to *ἰσθμός* (*ísthmós*) (Beekes 2010: 388), ultimately the source of English “isthmus” (via Latin, which borrowed it from Greek).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aidija	aidijō
Acc.	aidija	aidijō
Gen.	aidijas, aidīs	aidijō
Dat.	aidijai	aidijamaz
Inst.	aidijō	aidijamiz
Voc.	aidija	aidijō

Descendants

eið, eiði (Old Norse)

eid (English)

eið, eiði (Faroese)

eið, eiði (Icelandic)

ed (Norn)

eid (Norwegian Bokmål)

eid, eide (Norwegian Nynorsk)

eið, eiði (Old Norse)

ēþ (Old Swedish)

ed (Swedish)

***ājðē** (Proto-Samic)

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