

***aigin** Runic: ᚱ | ǵ | 𐌶 | 𐌵 Pronunciation: /'ɑj̥.ɣin/

noun · neuter · consonant stem

Meanings

shoot, sprout; barb or sharp germinal point, especially of grain

Etymology

Possibly from a Proto-Indo-European root **h₂eyk-*, also underlying **aiglaz*. The exact formation is uncertain. (Kroonen 2013: 9) tentatively reconstructs an **nt*-formation **h₂eyk-ént*, which would phonologically account well for a dental stem **aiginþ-*, but a regular athematic active participle would be expected to have a zero-grade root and the suffixal alternation **-ónt-* ~ *-nt-*. The Germanic evidence does not securely establish a paradigm **aigin* ~ **aiginþ-*: Old Norse *eigin* lacks the dental, while dental forms in Norwegian and Swedish may reflect a secondary derivative ***aigindja-*. An early split between a direct form without a dental and an oblique dental stem is possible, but speculative. Compare Latin *ĩcō*, Mycenaean Greek 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀓𐀚 (*a3-ka-sa-ma* /**aiksmans*/), and Ancient Greek αἰχμή (*aikhmē*) for the root (Beekes 2010: 45–46; de Vaan 2008: 295).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aigin	aiginþ
Acc.	aigin	aiginþ
Gen.	aiginþiz	aiginþô
Dat.	aiginþi	aiginþumaz
Inst.	aiginþê	aiginþumiz
Voc.	aigin	aiginþ

Descendants

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