

**\*aiglaz** Runic: ᚱ | ᚷ ᚱ ᚱ ᚷ Pronunciation: /'aj̥.ɣlaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

## Meanings

shoot, sprout; probably a pointed young growth, especially a seed- or grain-sprout

## Etymology

Probably from a suffix-accented zero-grade derivative of Proto-Indo-European *\*h<sub>2</sub>eyǵ-*, perhaps from pre-Germanic *\*h<sub>2</sub>iǵ-ló-s* or *\*h<sub>2</sub>iǵ-tló-s* ('pointed object, shoot'); compare the related *\*aigin*, probably from *\*h<sub>2</sub>eyǵ-ént* (Kroonen 2013: 9). The close IE comparanda are Ancient Greek αἰκλῶι (*aîkloi*) (aîkloi, 'the angles of the missile') and αἰχμή (aikhmḗ, 'point of a spear, spear') < Proto-Greek *\*aiksmā* from PIE *\*h<sub>2</sub>eyǵ-sm-eh<sub>2</sub>*, and possibly Latin *īcō* (Beekes 2010: 38, 45–46; de Vaan 2008: 295; Kroonen 2013: 9). The Ancient Greek comparanda point to a *\*-ló-* formation; without the Greek comparanda, the Proto-Germanic form could be an instrument noun formation in *\*-tló-* (see, for instance, Kroonen (2017)). A European substrate explanation is also possible.

## Declension

| Case  | Singular       | Plural         |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Nom.  | aiglaz         | aiglōz, aiglōs |
| Acc.  | aigla          | aiglanz        |
| Gen.  | aiglas, aiglis | aiglô          |
| Dat.  | aiglai         | aiglamaz       |
| Inst. | aiglō          | aiglamiz       |
| Voc.  | aigl           | aiglōz, aiglōs |

# Descendants

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  - egel, äjel (Swedish)

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