

***ainalif** Runic: ᚱ | ᚠ | ᚠ | ᚠ | ᚠ | ᚠ Pronunciation: /'aɪ.na.liɸ/

numeral

Meanings

eleven

Etymology

Compound of **ainaz* + **lif*/**lib* (fossilized numeral-forming element found in Proto-Germanic **ainalif* and **twalif*), literally ‘one left over (after ten)’, parallel to **twalif* (literally ‘two left over’) (Kroonen 2013: 11–12; Ringe 2017: 229–30). The second member is probably connected with **libanq*/**bilibanq* and **lifnanq*, from the zero-grade **lip-* of Proto-Indo-European root **leyp-*; compare Tocharian B *lip* and Proto-Slavic *lbnŋti*. The exact preform is uncertain, however: Gothic 𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌹𐌳𐌹𐌶𐌹𐌸𐌰 (*ainlibim*) (dat.) and 𐍄𐍅𐍅𐌹𐌳𐌹𐍅𐌹𐌸𐌰 (*twalibwintrus*) point to **-lib-*, while the closest external numeral parallels, Lithuanian *vienúolika* and *dvýlika*, suggest **-likʷ-* from PIE **leykʷ-* (Ringe 2017: 229–30). Related to **ainaz* and **twalif*. See also **-lif*.

Descendants

***ainalif** (Proto-West Germanic)

***ellef** (Old Dutch)

ellef, elf (Middle Dutch)

elf (Dutch)

elf (Afrikaans)

***ainalif** (Proto-West Germanic)

endleofan, enlefen, endlufon (Old English)

elleven, eleven, elleovene, ellevene, ellevyn, endleve, enleve, enleven (Middle English)

eleven (English)

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endleofan, enlefen, endlufon (Old English)

elleven, eleven, elleovene, ellevene, ellevyn, endleve, enleve, enleven (Middle English)
ane-levin, alevin, ellevin, elevin, levin (Middle Scots)
eleiven, eleeven (Scots)

***ainalif** (Proto-West Germanic)

andlova, alleva, elleva (Old Frisian)
alwen (North Frisian)
alwen (Saterland Frisian)
alve (West Frisian)

***ainalif** (Proto-West Germanic)

einlif (Old High German)
einlif, einlef, eilif, eilef, eilf (Middle High German)
eintlef, einlef (Alemannic German)
ellef (Central Franconian)
elf (German)
eelef (Luxembourgish)
עלף (elf) (Yiddish)

***ainalif** (Proto-West Germanic)

ellevan, elevan, elleven (Old Saxon)
elvene (Middle Low German)
alf (Plautdietsch)

***ainalif** (Proto-West Germanic)

ellevan, elevan, elleven (Old Saxon)
elvene (Middle Low German)
elf (Dutch Low Saxon)
elf, eleve, ölve, ölven (Low German)

ellifu (Old Norse)

ellivu (Faroese)
ellefu (Icelandic)
elleve (Norwegian)

ellifu (Old Norse)

ællifu, ællæuæ, ælløuæ, ællefue (Old Danish)
elleve (Danish)

ellifu (Old Norse)

ællivu, ællivo, ællevo, ælleve, ælleva, ællovo, ællova (Old Swedish)
elva, ellova (Swedish)

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