

***aitrą** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌰 Pronunciation: /'ɑj.trã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

1. poison, especially venom
2. pus; purulent matter

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂óyd-ro-m*, a neuter *-ro-* formation from the o-grade of root **h₂eyd-*. The original sense was probably ‘fluid discharged from a swelling or ulcer’, whence both ‘pus’ and, through its association with harmful bodily or animal secretions, ‘poison, venom’ (Kroonen 2013: 14–15; Lloyd & Springer 1988: s.v. *eitar*). Cognate in formation with Old Church Slavonic *ѡдра* (*jadra*), and related at the root level to Old Armenian *այտնութ* (*aytnum*), Ancient Greek *οιδέω* (*oidéō*), *οἶδος* (*oîdos*), and Latin *aemidus* (Beekes 2010: 1053–54; Martirosyan 2010: 61, 706; Matasović 2018; Orel 2003: 10).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aitrą	aitrō
Acc.	aitrą	aitrō
Gen.	aitras, aitrīs	aitrġ
Dat.	aitrai	aitramaz
Inst.	aitrō	aitramiz
Voc.	aitrą	aitrō

Descendants

***aitr** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ētar**, ***ēttar**, **eitir** (Old Dutch)

etter, **atter** (Middle Dutch)

etter, **atter** (Dutch)

***aitr** (Proto-West Germanic)

ātor, **āttor**, **ǣtor**, **ǣttor** (Old English)

atter, **attere**, **attir**, **attre**, **atture**, **attyr**, **attyre**, **atterr** (Middle English)

atter (English)

atter, **etter** (Scots)

***aitr** (Proto-West Germanic)

āter, **ater**, **ātter**, **atter** (Old Frisian)

Atter (Saterland Frisian)

etter (West Frisian)

***aitr** (Proto-West Germanic)

eitar, **eittar** (Old High German)

eiter (Middle High German)

Eiter (German)

Eeter (Luxembourgish)

***aitr** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēttor, **ēttar**, **eitir** (Old Saxon)

etter (Middle Low German)

Etter, **Atter** (Low German)

eitr (Old Norse)

ietter (Elfdalian)

eitur (Faroese)

eitur (Icelandic)

eitr (Old Norse)

eiter, **eitr** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

eiter (Norwegian Bokmål)

eitr (Old Norse)

ētær (Old Danish)

edder (Danish)

edder (Norwegian Bokmål)

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