

***akraną** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌹𐌸𐌴 Pronunciation: /'ak.ra.nã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

fruit of a tree, especially a nut or other mast such as an acorn

Etymology

From an Indo-European formation **h₂eǵ-r-on-o-m* or **h₂og-r-on-o-m*, containing a poorly understood base **h₂eǵ-r-* ~ **h₂og-r-* and the suffix **-on-o-*, possibly made up of the individualizing suffix **-on-* enlarged by thematic **-o-* ([Pronk 2015](#)). The base may be related to Proto-Indo-European **h₂eǵros*. The formation may originally have denoted an individual fruit or berry. Cognate with Proto-Celtic **agronā*, reflected in Welsh *aeon*; the Celtic form probably represents a collective in **-on-eh₂*. Lithuanian *úoga*, Latvian *oga*, Proto-Slavic **agoda*, and Tocharian B *oko* may contain the same root, though they represent different formations and their precise relationship is disputed ([Kroonen 2013: 18–19](#); [Matasović 2009a: 27–28](#); [van Sluis et al. 2023: 215](#)).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	akraną	akranō
Acc.	akraną	akranō
Gen.	akranas, akranis	akranô
Dat.	akranai	akranamaz
Inst.	akranō	akranamiz
Voc.	akraną	akranō

Descendants

***akarn, *akran, *akrun, akrin** (Proto-West Germanic)

***akeran** (Old Dutch)

aecker, aker (Middle Dutch)

aker (Dutch)

akker (Afrikaans)

***akarn, *akran, *akrun, akrin** (Proto-West Germanic)

æcern, æceran, æceren, æcīrn (Old English)

acorn (Middle English)

acorn (English)

aicorn (Scots)

***akarn, *akran, *akrun, akrin** (Proto-West Germanic)

***akern** (Old Frisian)

Äkkene (Saterland Frisian)

aker (West Frisian)

***akarn, *akran, *akrun, akrin** (Proto-West Germanic)

***akeran, *ekerin** (Old High German)

ackeran, eckeren, eckern, ecker (Middle High German)

Ackeran, Ecker (German)

***akarn, *akran, *akrun, akrin** (Proto-West Germanic)

***akeran, *ekerin** (Old Saxon)

ākeren, ackeren, ēkeren, eckeren (Middle Low German)

Ecker (Low German)

eckeren (Low German)

akarn (Old Norse)

agern (Danish)

akarn (Faroese)

akarn (Icelandic)

åkorn (Norwegian Nynorsk)

akarn (Swedish)

𐌰𐌵𐌿𐌺𐌰𐌽 (**akran**) (Gothic)

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