

***akraz** Runic: 𐌱 𐌶 𐌵 𐌶 𐌵 Pronunciation: /'ak.raz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

a field or tract of open land, especially land used for cultivation or grazing

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂éǵros*. Cognate with Mycenaean Greek 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀃 (*a-ko-ro*), Ancient Greek ἄγρός (*agrós*), Latin *ager*, Sanskrit अज्र (*ájra*), and Classical Armenian արտ (*art*) (Beekes 2010: 16; Kroonen 2013: 18; Wodtko et al. 2008: 268). The noun is often connected with PIE root **h₂eǵ-*, perhaps originally denoting open land onto which livestock were driven, but the semantic derivation is uncertain. An alternative analysis regards **h₂éǵros* as a culture word of uncertain ultimate origin, possibly related to similar words for cultivated or open land in neighboring non-Indo-European languages (Kroonen 2013: 18; Wodtko et al. 2008: 268). Compare Sumerian 𒂗𒂊𒂍 (*a-gar*) (Electronic Pennsylvania Sumerian Dictionary (ePSD) 2017: s.v. 𒂗𒂊𒂍 (a-gar)).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	akraz	akrōz, akrōs
Acc.	akra	akranz
Gen.	akras, akris	akrô
Dat.	akrai	akramaz
Inst.	akrō	akramiz
Voc.	akr	akrōz, akrōs

Descendants

***akr** (Proto-West Germanic)

accar, ackar (Old Dutch)

acker (Middle Dutch)

akker (Dutch)

akker (Afrikaans)

***akr** (Proto-West Germanic)

æcer (Old English)

aker, acre (Middle English)

acre, aker, acer (English)

***akr**, ***akkr** (Proto-West Germanic)

æcer (Old English)

aker, acre (Middle English)

acre, aker, ackre, accre, aacre, awker, yicker (Scots)

***akr**, ***akkr** (Proto-West Germanic)

ekker (Old Frisian)

Äkker (Saterland Frisian)

eker, ikker (West Frisian)

***akr**, ***akkr** (Proto-West Germanic)

ackar, akkar (Old High German)

acker (Middle High German)

Acker (German)

אַקער (aker) (Yiddish)

***akr**, ***akkr** (Proto-West Germanic)

ackar, akkar (Old High German)

acker (Middle High German)

Aker (Luxembourgish)

***akr**, ***akkr** (Proto-West Germanic)

akkar (Old Saxon)

acker (Middle Low German)

Acker (Low German)

Aka (Plautdietsch)

akr, ákr (Old Norse)

akur (Faroese)

akur (Icelandic)

akr, ákr (Old Norse)
| **åker, åkur, åkr** (Norwegian Nynorsk)
| | **åker** (Norwegian Bokmål)

akr, ákr (Old Norse)
| **akær** (Old Danish)
| | **ager** (Danish)
| | | **aker** (Norwegian Bokmål)

akr, ákr (Old Norse)
| **aker** (Old Swedish)
| | **åker** (Swedish)

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