

***alasnō** Runic: ᚱᚠᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'a.las.noː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

awl; a pointed tool used for piercing leather or similar materials

Etymology

From the derivational stem of **alaz*, with an instrument suffix **-asnō-* (Kroonen 2013: 19–20). The base **alaz* is ultimately related to **ēlō* and Sanskrit आरा (*ārā*), but its precise Proto-Indo-European formation is uncertain: Kroonen tentatively reconstructs **h₁oh₁-lō-* and derives **ēlō* and Sanskrit आरा (*ārā*) from **h₁éh₁l-éh₂-*, while Mallory and Adams give the more general reconstruction **h_xóleh_a-* (‘awl’, in standard laryngeal notation: **Hóleh₂-*) (Kroonen 2013: 19–20; Mallory & Adams 1997: 37). The formative **-asnō-* ultimately reflects PIE **-es-neh₂* ~ **-os-neh₂*, with **-s-* originating in an *s*-extended root or an *s*-stem; formations of this type mainly produced feminine concrete nouns in Germanic (Krahe & Meid 1969: §96).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	alasnō	alasnōz
Acc.	alasnō	alasnōz
Gen.	alasnōz	alasnō
Dat.	alasnōi	alasnōmaz
Inst.	alasnō	alasnōmiz
Voc.	alasnō	alasnōz

Descendants

***alasnu, *alisnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***alsina** (Old Dutch)

elsne, elsene, elsen, alsene (Middle Dutch)

els, elase (Dutch)

***alasnu, *alisnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***alsina** (Old Dutch)

elsne, elsene, elsen, alsene (Middle Dutch)

elsen, elsyn, elson, alsene (Middle English)

elsin, elsen (English)

elsin, elsing, elson (Scots)

***alasnu, *alisnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

alansa, alesna (Old High German)

***alesne, *elnse** (Middle High German)

Alesne, Alse, Else (German)

***alasnu, *alisnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***alansa** (Old Saxon)

alse, elase, elasene (Middle Low German)

***alasnu, *alisnu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***alisna, *lexina** (Vulgar Latin)

𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌹𐌸𐌰** (alisna**) (Gothic)

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