

***aldaz** Runic: ᚱᚠᚩᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'al.daz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

old; grown up, mature

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂el-tó-s*, a verbal adjective in **-tó-* from **h₂el-*, the same root underlying **alanq* (Dalpedri 2026: §2.6.2; Rix et al. 2001: 262; Watkins 2011: s.v. **al*⁻²). The **d* reflects Verner's Law under suffixal accent; the probable inherited Proto-Germanic comparative degree paradigm was **aldaz* : **albizô* : **alþistaz*, preserving the voiceless **þ* in the comparative and superlative (Ringe 2017: 317). Directly cognate with Latin *altus*, which is likewise from **h₂el-tó-s*; compare also root cognates Latin *alō*, Old Irish *ailid*, and Ancient Greek *ἀλδαίνω* (*aldaínō*) (Dalpedri 2026: §2.6.2; Rix et al. 2001: 262; Watkins 2011: s.v. **al*⁻²).

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	aldaz	aldō	aldā, -atō	aldai	aldōz	aldō
Acc.	aldanq̅	aldq̅	aldā, -atō	aldanz	aldōz	aldō
Gen.	aldas, -is	aldaizōz	aldas, -is	aldaizq̅	aldaizq̅	aldaizq̅
Dat.	aldammai	aldaizōi	aldammai	aldaimaz	aldaimaz	aldaimaz
Inst.	aldanō	aldaizō	aldanō	aldaimiz	aldaimiz	aldaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	aldô	aldō	aldô	aldaniz	aldōniz	aldōnō
Acc.	aldanų	aldōnų	aldô	aldanunz	aldōnunz	aldōnō
Gen.	aldiniz	aldōniz	aldiniz	aldanô	aldōnô	aldanô
Dat.	aldini	aldōni	aldini	aldammaz	aldōmaz	aldammaz
Inst.	aldinē	aldōnē	aldinē	aldammiz	aldōmiz	aldammiz

Descendants

*ald (Proto-West Germanic)

alt, ald (Old Dutch)

out (Middle Dutch)

aad (Limburgish)

*ald (Proto-West Germanic)

alt, ald (Old Dutch)

out (Middle Dutch)

oud, oudt (Dutch)

ou, oud (Afrikaans)

elde (West Flemish)

*ald (Proto-West Germanic)

eald, ald, eold, æld, eld (Old English)

old, eeld, eelde, eld, elde, holde, oold, olde, wolde, ald, awlde, eild, eald, yalde, yealde, yolde, yhold, yolle (Middle English)

old (English)

aald, auld (Scots)

*ald (Proto-West Germanic)

ald (Old Frisian)

oold (Saterland Frisian)

âld (West Frisian)

*ald (Proto-West Germanic)

alt, ald (Old High German)

alt (Middle High German)

altu, oalt, oalts, olt, àltà (Alemannic German)

old (Bavarian)

alt (Central Franconian)

alt (German)

alt, all (Rhine Franconian)

אַלט (alt) (Yiddish)

***ald** (Proto-West Germanic)

ald (Old Saxon)

olt, old (Middle Low German)

oolt (Plautdietsch)

***ald** (Proto-West Germanic)

ald (Old Saxon)

olt, old (Middle Low German)

old (Low German)

old, oold, ol, oll, olt, oolt (Low German)

oll (German)

aldinn (Old Norse)

aldinn (Icelandic)

𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌹𐌸 (alþeis) (Gothic)

alt (Crimean Gothic)

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