

***aldiz**¹ Runic: ᚦᚠᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'al.diz/
noun · feminine · i-stem

Meanings

1. age, generation; a period or stage of life
2. lifetime, lifespan

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂él-ti-s* ~ **h₂l-téy-s*, a proterokinetic *ti*-stem from the root **h₂el-* (Kroonen 2013: s.v. **aldi*; Markey & Mees 2014: 4–9; Ringe 2017: 197–98; Rix et al. 2001: 262). The Proto-Germanic *-d-* reflects Verner’s Law in the root-accented syllable, with the weak-case consonantism subsequently generalized throughout the paradigm. Semantically, ‘age, lifetime’ developed naturally from the root’s Germanic intransitive sense ‘to grow, mature, grow old’ (Markey & Mees 2014: 4–5). Cognate root formations include Latin *alō*, Old Irish *ailid*, Ancient Greek ἀλδαινῶ (*aldaínō*), and, more closely in formation and semantics, Latin *altus* < PIE **h₂el-tó-s*. Related to **aldaz* and **alanq* (Markey & Mees 2014: 4–9).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aldiz	aldīz
Acc.	aldj	aldinz
Gen.	aldīz	aldijô
Dat.	aldī	aldimaz
Inst.	aldī	aldimiz
Voc.	aldi	aldīz

Descendants

ǫld (Old Norse)

old (Danish)

øld (Faroese)

öld (Icelandic)

𐌰𐌻𐌸 (alds) (Gothic)

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