

**\*alinabugô** Runic: ᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦ Pronunciation: /'a.li.na.bu.ɣɔː/

noun · masculine · an-stem

## Meanings

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elbow; the joint or bend between the upper and lower arm

## Etymology

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A transparent compound of *\*alinō* + *\*bugô*, literally ‘bend/bow of the forearm’ ([Orel 2003: 14](#); [Watkins 2011: s.v. el-](#)). The formation is securely Proto-Germanic, reflected by Old English *elnboga*, Old High German *elinbogo*, and Old Norse *ḡlnbogi*, *alnbogi*; the widespread agreement of North and West Germanic favors inheritance rather than parallel innovation.

Ultimately the two constituents continue separate Proto-Indo-European formations. *\*alinō* belongs to the widespread Indo-European ‘elbow, forearm’ family from PIE root *\*Heh<sub>3</sub>l-*, with derivatives including Ancient Greek ὠλένη (*ōlénē*) ὠλένη, Latin *ulna*, Old Irish *uilen*, and Welsh *elin* ([Beekes 2010: 1678–79](#); [Matasović 2009a: 297–98](#); [Watkins 2011: s.v. el-](#)). Mallory and Adams (1997: 176) regard this body-part term as widespread and old in Indo-European, though affected by some irregular phonological developments. The second constituent, *\*bugô*, continues the Germanic ‘bend, bow’ noun associated with *\*beuganq*/*\*būganq* and ultimately PIE *\*b<sup>h</sup>ewg<sup>h</sup>-*.

# Declension

| Case  | Singular     | Plural        |
|-------|--------------|---------------|
| Nom.  | alinabugô    | alinabuganiz  |
| Acc.  | alinabuganų  | alinabuganunz |
| Gen.  | alinabuginiz | alinabuganġ   |
| Dat.  | alinabugini  | alinabugammaz |
| Inst. | alinabuginē  | alinabugammiz |
| Voc.  | alinabugô    | alinabuganiz  |

# Descendants

\***alinbogō** (Proto-West Germanic)

  \***elinbogo** (Old Dutch)

**ellenbōge, ellenbōghe** (Middle Dutch)

**elleboog, ellenboog** (Dutch)

**elmboog** (Afrikaans)

\***alinbogō** (Proto-West Germanic)

**elnboga, elboga** (Old English)

    \***elboge, \*elboȝe, elbowe** (Middle English)

**elbow** (English)

**elbuck** (Scots)

\***alinbogō** (Proto-West Germanic)

  \***elboga** (Old Frisian)

**Älbooge** (Saterland Frisian)

\***alinbogō** (Proto-West Germanic)

**elinbogo** (Old High German)

**elenboge** (Middle High German)

**Ellenboge, Ellbogen, Ellenbogen** (German)

**Ielebou** (Luxembourgish)

**עלנבויגן (elnboygn)** (Yiddish)

\***alinbogō** (Proto-West Germanic)

  \***elinbogo** (Old Saxon)

**ellebōge** (Middle Low German)

**Ellebage** (Low German)

**Alboagen** (Plautdietsch)

**ǫlnbogi** (Old Norse)

**albogi, albógvi** (Faroese)

**olnbogi, olbogi** (Icelandic)

**ǫlnbogi, alnbogi, albogi, ǫlbogi** (Old Norse)

**albue** (Norwegian Bokmål)

**olboge** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

**ǫlnbogi, alnbogi, albogi, ǫlbogi** (Old Norse)

**almboghæ** (Old Danish)

**albue, almbue, armbue** (Danish)

**ǫlnbogi, alnbogi, albogi, ǫlbogi** (Old Norse)

**\*alnboghi, alboghi** (Old Swedish)

**almboge, armbåge** (Swedish)

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**\*beugana** verb    **\*būgana** verb    **\*bugô** noun