

***alup** Runic: ᚱᚠᚢᚱ Pronunciation: /ɑ.'luθ/

noun · neuter · consonant stem

Meanings

beer, ale

Etymology

A neuter consonant stem of uncertain deeper etymology, usually compared with Proto-Indo-European **h₂elut-*. Kroonen (2013: 23–24) notes that no generally accepted etymology exists. Bjorvand (2007) derives Germanic **alú-p-* from earlier **olú-t-*, and connects **alu-* with Vedic Sanskrit अरुष (aruṣá), Avestan 𐬰𐬀𐬭𐬀𐬰𐬀 (auruša), and Old High German *elo*, hence originally ‘golden/pale beverage’. Possible inherited cognates include Old Armenian ալի (awli) (Olsen 1999: 443) and Lithuanian *alūs*. Derksen (2015: s.v. *alus*) notes that the Baltic and Slavic forms may be borrowings from Germanic, but Jakob (2024: 41) specifically rejects the widespread analysis of the latter as a Germanic loan, since a donor **alup-* should have preserved some trace of the stem-final dental. Proto-Finnic **olut*, by contrast, is most plausibly derived from late Proto-Scandinavian ***ϕlup-*, after **a* had been rounded but before loss of the second syllable, providing strong evidence for the dental stem at that stage (Junttila et al. 2020–: s.v. *olut*). Ossetian æлутон (æluton) has been treated as a Germanic loan by Kroonen but as an inherited cognate by Bjorvand (Bjorvand 2007; Kroonen 2013: 23–24). Alternatively, the European beer words may belong with Latin *alūmen* through **alu-* ‘bitter substance’, perhaps ultimately from a European substrate (de Vaan 2008: 36).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aluþ	aluþō
Acc.	aluþ	aluþō
Gen.	aluþiz	aluþô
Dat.	aluþi	aluþumaz
Inst.	aluþē	aluþumiz
Voc.	aluþ	aluþō

Descendants

- ***alu** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ***alu**, ***alo** (Old Dutch)
 - āle** (Middle Dutch)
 - aal** (Dutch)
- ***alu** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ealu**, **alu**, **ealo**, **eala**, **eal-**, **ealap**, **ealoþ**, **alap**, **alp**, **aloþ**, **eoloþ**, **alþes** (Old English)
 - ale**, **aīl** (Middle English)
 - ale** (English)
 - yill**, **ale**, **aill**, **ayll** (Scots)
- ***alu** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ***alu** (Old High German)
 - alschaf** (Middle High German)
- ***alu** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ***alu**, ***alo** (Old Saxon)
 - alufat**, **alofat** (Old Saxon)
- 𐌱𐌰𐌶 (alu) (Proto-Norse)
 - ol** (Old Norse)
 - øl** (Faroese)
 - öl** (Icelandic)
 - øl**, **ol** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

𐱃 𐱃 𐱃 (**alu**) (Proto-Norse)

𐀀𐀁 (Old Norse)

ø𐀁 (Old Danish)

ø𐀁 (Danish)

ø𐀁, ø𐀂 (Norwegian Bokmål)

𐱃 𐱃 𐱃 (**alu**) (Proto-Norse)

𐀀𐀁 (Old Norse)

ø𐀁 (Old Swedish)

ö𐀁 (Swedish)

alùs (Lithuanian)

æлúтoн (**ælúton**) (Ossetian)

აღუდი (**aludi**), ლუდი (**ludi**) (Georgian)

***olut** (Proto-Finnic)

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