

***amala** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌱𐌰𐌱𐌰 Pronunciation: /'a.ma.lǎ/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

hard work, toil, struggle; laborious or persistent exertion.

Etymology

Uncertain. The relationship of the onomastic stem *Amal-* to shorter *am-/ama-* is uncertain. Kaufmann analyzes *Amal-* (beside *Amul-*, *Amil-*) as an extension of the name stem *am-*, while allowing that *am-* could instead be a secondary shortening of older *amal-* (Meineke 2010: 25, citing Kaufmann 1968: 31–32). Schramm (2013: 136) instead regards *Amala-* as probably primary, comparing Old Norse *aml*. The base may ultimately continue Proto-Indo-European **h₃emh₃-*, cognate with Sanskrit *अमीति (amīti)*, Avestan *𐬀𐬎𐬎 (ama-)*, Ancient Greek *ὀμνυμι (ómnumi)*, and Phrygian *umnotan* (Beekes 2010: 1078; Obrador-Cursach 2021: 53). LIV² alternatively reconstructs **h₂emh₃-*, chiefly on account of the disputed comparison with Latin *amō* (Rix et al. 2001: 265–66).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	amala	amalō
Acc.	amala	amalō
Gen.	amalas, amalis	amalô
Dat.	amalai	amalamaz
Inst.	amalō	amalamiz
Voc.	amala	amalō

Descendants

Amalunc, Amelunc (Old High German)

***aml** (Old Norse)

aml (Icelandic)

aml, ammel, ambel (Norn)

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