

***ampraz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'am.praz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

sharp or acrid in taste; sour, bitter

Etymology

Probably from Proto-Indo-European **h₂h₃m-ró-s*, more cautiously **H(e/o)m-ró-s*, a **-ró-* formation belonging to the disputed family represented by **h₂eh₃mós* and conventionally connected with the root **h₂eh₃-*. The Proto-Germanic *-p-* is secondary: pre-Germanic *-mr-* developed an epenthetic homorganic stop, **-mr-* > *-mbr-*, before Grimm's Law, yielding **ampra-*. Although such nasal-stop epenthesis is phonetically well motivated, clear Germanic parallels for its specifically pre-Germanic chronology are lacking (Heidermanns 1993: 99–100; Lloyd & Springer 1988: s.v. *ampfara*; Wodtko et al. 2008: 202–204). Usually compared with Sanskrit अम्ल (*amlá*) and Latin *amārus* (probably remodeled with Latin *-ārus*); related formations in the broader but uncertain 'raw' family include Sanskrit आम (*āmá*), Ancient Greek ὠμός (*ōmós*), and Old Armenian հոմ (*hum*) (Beekes 2010: 1680; de Vaan 2008: 37; Kroonen 2013: 25; Wodtko et al. 2008: 202–204). Kroonen (2013: 25), skeptical of the Indo-European analysis, also compares Semitic forms such as Hebrew מָר (*mar*).

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	ampraz	amprō	ampraꝥ, -atō	amprai	amprōz	amprō
Acc.	ampranꝥ	amprꝥ	ampraꝥ, -atō	ampranz	amprōz	amprō
Gen.	ampras, -is	ampraizōz	ampras, -is	ampraizê	ampraizê	ampraizê
Dat.	amprammai	ampraizōi	amprammai	ampraimaz	ampraimaz	ampraimaz
Inst.	ampranō	ampraizō	ampranō	ampraimiz	ampraimiz	ampraimiz

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Dat.	amprini	amprōni	amprini	amprammaz	amprōmaz	amprammaz
Inst.	amprinē	amprōnē	amprinē	amprammiz	amprōmiz	amprammiz

Descendants

***ampr** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ampar** (Old Dutch)

amper (Middle Dutch)

amper (Dutch)

***ampr** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***amper**, ***omper** (Old Frisian)

amper (West Frisian)

***apr** (Old Norse)

amper (Danish)

apur (Icelandic)

amper (Norwegian Bokmål)

amper (Norwegian Nynorsk)

amper (Swedish)

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