

***angulaz** Runic: ᚦᚢᚰᚱᚱᚦᚢᚱ Pronunciation: /'aŋ.gu.laz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. hook, fishhook
2. point, tip

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂ankulós*, analyzable as **h₂enk-u-ló-s*, an **-ulo-/*-u-ló-* formation from the root **h₂enk-*. The formation was probably originally adjectival, ‘bent, curved’, and was substantivized in Germanic as ‘hook’ (Erhard 2022: 107–109; Kroonen 2013: 28; Ringe 2017: 124). The exact cognate is Ancient Greek ἀγκύλος (*ankúlos*), while Avestan 𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀 (*anku-*) and Sanskrit अङ्कुश (*aṅkuśa*) belong to related formations from the same root (Krahe & Meid 1969: 85). The accentuation provides unusually good confirmation of the reconstruction: Ringe contrasts root-accented pre-Germanic **h₂ánkulah₂* > Proto-Germanic **anhulō* with suffix-accented pre-Germanic **h₂ankulós* > PGmc **angulaz*, in which Verner’s Law voices the reflex of *k to *g; the accent of Greek ἀγκύλος independently supports the latter accentuation through Wheeler’s Law (Ringe 2017: 124). The older analysis of **angulaz* as a Proto-Germanic diminutive of **angô¹* is therefore unnecessary: **angulaz* and **angô¹* are better regarded as separate inherited derivatives of **h₂enk-*. The sense ‘prickle, sting’ appears instead to have belonged originally to the related *n*-stem **angô¹* and to have spread secondarily to descendants of **angulaz* in West Germanic from about the eleventh century onward (Erhard 2022: 107–09).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	angulaz	angulōz, angulōs
Acc.	angulaꝥ	angulanz
Gen.	angulas, angulis	angulô
Dat.	angulai	angulamaz
Inst.	angulō	angulamiz
Voc.	angul	angulōz, angulōs

Descendants

- ***angul** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ***angul** (Old Dutch)
 - angel** (Middle Dutch)
 - angel** (Dutch)
- ***angul** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - angol, angul, ongul, angel, ongel** (Old English)
 - angel, angell** (Middle English)
 - angle** (English)
 - angell, angel** (Scots)
- ***angul** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ***angel, *ongel** (Old Frisian)
 - Ongel** (Saterland Frisian)
 - angel** (West Frisian)
- ***angul** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - angul** (Old High German)
 - angel, ange** (Middle High German)
 - Angel** (German)
- ***angul** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - angul** (Old High German)
 - angel, ange** (Middle High German)
 - Aangel** (Luxembourgish)

***angul** (Proto-West Germanic)

angul (Old Saxon)

angel (Middle Low German)

Angel (Low German)

ǫngull (Old Norse)

ongul (Faroese)

angel, anggul (Gutnish)

öngull (Icelandic)

angel (Norwegian Bokmål)

angel, ongel (Norwegian Nynorsk)

angel (Swedish)

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