

***ankurô** Runic: ᚦᚢᚱᚱᚰ Pronunciation: /'aŋ.ku.rɔː/

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

anchor

Etymology

Borrowed from Latin *ancora*, itself borrowed from Ancient Greek ἄγκυρα (*ánkūra*) (Lloyd & Springer 1988: s.v. *anker*; Weiss 2009: 112). The loan entered coastal Germanic early through contact with the Romans around the Lower Rhine and North Sea and subsequently spread into Scandinavian, where Old Norse *akkeri* reflects early *nk* > *kk* (Lloyd & Springer 1988: s.v. *anker*). Ancient Greek ἄγκυρα (*ánkūra*) was traditionally connected with PIE **h₂enk-*, but Beekes (2010: 13) regards its -υρα (-*ūra*) suffix as characteristically Pre-Greek and rejects an inherited Proto-Indo-European formation; its ultimate etymology is therefore uncertain.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	ankurô	ankuraniz
Acc.	ankuranu	ankuranunz
Gen.	ankuriniz	ankuranô
Dat.	ankurini	ankurammaz
Inst.	ankurinē	ankurammiz
Voc.	ankurô	ankuraniz

Descendants

***ankurō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ankaro** (Old Dutch)

anker (Middle Dutch)

anker (Dutch)

anker (Afrikaans)

***ankurō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ancor, ancer, oncer (Old English)

anker, ancre, aunkir, ankor, ankur, ankir, ancher, ancour, hanker (Middle English)

anchor (English)

anchor, anker (Scots)

***ankurō** (Proto-West Germanic)

anker, onker (Old Frisian)

anker (West Frisian)

***ankurō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ankero, anker (Old High German)

anker (Middle High German)

Anker (German)

***ankurō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ankaro** (Old Saxon)

anker, ankor, ankar (Middle High German)

akkeri, atkeri (Old Norse)

anker (Danish)

akkeri (Icelandic)

anker, ankar (Norwegian)

akkeri, atkeri (Old Norse)

ancaire (Middle Irish)

ancaire (Irish)

aker (Manx)

acair (Scottish Gaelic)

akkeri, atkeri (Old Norse)

ankæri (Old Swedish)

ankur (Estonian)

ankkuri (Finnish)

ankare, ankar (Swedish)

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