

***aplaz** Runic: ᚱᚲᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'ap.laz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

apple, fruit

Etymology

From the Indo-European ‘apple’ word, usually reconstructed as the amphikinetic *l*-stem **h₂ébōl* ~ **h₂blés*; **h₂ébl̥* is an alternative reconstruction. Germanic remodeled the inherited consonant stem, yielding **apla-* beside **apal-* and competing *u*-stem forms represented by **apluz*; the exact Proto-Germanic inflection is uncertain. Cognate with Old Irish *ubull*, Welsh *afal*, Old Prussian *woble*, Lithuanian *obuol̥ys*, and Russian *яблоко* (*jábloko*). The suffix ablaut appears archaic, but the word's restricted European distribution has also led to its analysis as an ancient *Wanderwort* or a word diffused after the breakup of Proto-Indo-European (Kloekhorst & Lubotsky 2026: 136; Kroonen 2013: 31–32; Piwowarczyk 2014: 161–167; Stifter 2019: 171–218; van Sluis et al. 2023: 230; Wodtko et al. 2008: 262–66).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aplaz	aplōz, aplōs
Acc.	apla	aplanz
Gen.	aplas, aplis	aplô
Dat.	aplai	aplamaz
Inst.	aplô	aplamiz
Voc.	apl	aplōz, aplōs

Descendants

*apl (Proto-West Germanic)

***appel, ephela, apheles** (Old Dutch)

appel, āpel (Middle Dutch)

appel (Dutch)

Apel, appel (Limburgish)

*apl (Proto-West Germanic)

æppel, apl, appel, æppyl (Old English)

appel, apple, appyl, appyll, appil, appill, appell, eppel, appul, appull, appulle, eappel,

æppel, æpple (Middle English)

apple (English)

aipple (Scots)

*apl (Proto-West Germanic)

appel (Old Frisian)

Apel, Appel (Saterland Frisian)

apel, appel (West Frisian)

*apl (Proto-West Germanic)

apful, aphul, apfol, afful, *appul (Old High German)

apfel, epfel, öpfel, appel (Middle High German)

Öpfel, Apfel (Alemannic German)

Äpfe (Bavarian)

Apfel (German)

אַפּל (epl) (Yiddish)

*apl (Proto-West Germanic)

apful, aphul, apfol, afful, *appul (Old High German)

apfel, epfel, öpfel, appel (Middle High German)

Appel (Central Franconian)

Eppel (Hunsrik)

Apel (Luxembourgish)

*apl (Proto-West Germanic)

appel, appul, apl (Old Saxon)

appel (Middle Low German)

Appel (Low German)

Aupel (Plautdietsch)

apel (Crimean Gothic)

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