

***apô** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶 Pronunciation: /'ɑ.pɔː/

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

ape, monkey

Etymology

An ancient loanword, probably an early pre-Germanic adoption of a non-Indo-European *Wanderwort*, subsequently inflected as the masculine *n*-stem **apan-*. Comparable forms include Sanskrit कपि (*kapī*), Ancient Greek κῆβος (*kêbos*) (also κῆπος (*kêpos*)), Hebrew קוף (*qōf*), and Akkadian *uqūpu*, *iqūpu*, *aqūpu* (Beekes 2010: 683–84; Kroonen 2013: 31; Šorgo 2020: 433). Kroonen proposes that the foreign word was borrowed at a sufficiently early stage with initial **h₂-* or **h₃-*, as **h₂eb-* or **h₃eb-*. Alternatively, Schrijver (2004: 507–511) derives **apan-* from **h₂ep-* + **-h₃on-*, originally ‘water creature’; however, the supposedly related Proto-Celtic **abanko-* is now considered most likely unrelated, favoring the *Wanderwort* analysis (van Sluis et al. 2023: 237).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	apô	apaniz
Acc.	apanų	apanunz
Gen.	apiniz	apanô
Dat.	apini	apammaz
Inst.	apinē	apammiz
Voc.	apô	apaniz

Descendants

***apō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***apo** (Old Dutch)

āpe (Middle Dutch)

aap (Dutch)

aap (Afrikaans)

***apō** (Proto-West Germanic)

apa (Old English)

ape, aape, eape (Middle English)

ape (English)

ape, aip (Scots)

***apō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***apa** (Old Frisian)

aab, aawe (North Frisian)

Oape (Saterland Frisian)

aap (West Frisian)

***apō** (Proto-West Germanic)

affo (Old High German)

affe (Middle High German)

Aff (Alemannic German)

Aff (East Central German)

Affe (German)

אַפֿע (afe) (Yiddish)

***apō** (Proto-West Germanic)

affo (Old High German)

affe (Middle High German)

Aff (Rhine Franconian)

Aff (Pennsylvania German)

***apō** (Proto-West Germanic)

apo (Old Saxon)

āpe (Middle Low German)

Aap (Low German)

Ape (Low German)

Op (Plautdietsch)

api (Old Norse)

abe (Danish)

apa (Faroese)

api (Icelandic)

ape (Norwegian Bokmål)

apa, ape (Norwegian Nynorsk)

api (Old Norse)

apa (Old Swedish)

apa (Swedish)

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