

***askō** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌵 Pronunciation: /'as.kõ:/

noun · feminine · ōn-stem

Meanings

ash, ashes

Etymology

Usually connected with Proto-Indo-European **h₂eHs-*, but the exact formation is uncertain. Cognate with Sanskrit आस (*āsa-*) and Hittite 𐎠𐎼𐎶𐎵 (*hāšš-*); compare also Old Armenian աճիւն (*ačiwñ*), probably an enlarged formation in -g- (Kloekhorst 2008: 318–19; Martirosyan 2010: 44; Yates 2022: slides 2–24). Northwest Germanic **askōn-* contrasts anomalously with Gothic 𐌰𐌿𐌲𐌰 (*azgō*). Kroonen tentatively explains the divergent -sk- : -zg- by a pre-Germanic compound of **h₂ed-* and **d^heg^{wh}-*, but regards the phonological development as obscure (Kroonen 2013: 38).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	askō	askōniz
Acc.	askōnų	askōnunz
Gen.	askōniz	askōnô
Dat.	askōni	askōmaz
Inst.	askōnē	askōmiz
Voc.	askō	askōniz

Descendants

*askā (Proto-West Germanic)

asca (Old Dutch)

asche (Middle Dutch)

as, asch, asse (Dutch)

as (Afrikaans)

*askā (Proto-West Germanic)

æsce, asce, axe, acse, ahse, axse, æxe (Old English)

asshe, axe, aske, ash, assche, aysshe, asche, aisshe, asske, acxe, ass, esche, esk, eshe
(Middle English)

ash (English)

ess, asch, ais, as, askis (Scots)

*askā (Proto-West Germanic)

*aske, *eske (Old Frisian)

Ääske (Saterland Frisian)

jiske (West Frisian)

*askā (Proto-West Germanic)

asca, aska (Old High German)

asche (Middle High German)

Äsche (Alemannic German)

Asche (German)

Äsch (Luxembourgish)

אַש (ash) (Yiddish)

*askā (Proto-West Germanic)

aska (Old Saxon)

asche (Middle Low German)

Asch (Low German)

Ausch (Plautdietsch)

aska (Old Norse)

øska (Faroese)

aska (Icelandic)

aska (Old Norse)

aske (Norwegian Bokmål)

oske, oska (Norwegian Nynorsk)

aska (Old Norse)

askæ (Old Danish)

aske (Danish)

aska (Old Norse)

aska (Old Swedish)

aska (Swedish)

𐌱𐌴𐌹𐌳 (azgō) (Gothic)

***ahku, *aho** (Proto-Finnic)

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