

***atalaz** Runic: ᚠᚠᚠᚠᚠᚦ Pronunciation: /'a.ta.laz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

1. fierce, savage; grim
2. terrible, dreadful; hideous, loathsome

Etymology

Reconstructed from Old English *atol*, *atul*, Old Norse *atall*, *qtull*, and Middle Dutch *atel*. The variation between **atalaz* and variant **atulaz* reflects disagreement over the medial vowel: Old Norse *atall* favors **-ala-*, whereas Old English *atul* and Old Norse *qtull* favor **-ula-* (de Vries 1977: 12, s.v. *atall*; Kluge 1899: §192; Kroonen 2013: 39; Orel 2003: 27). Probably an adjective in Germanic **-ala-* ~ **-ula-* formed from the root underlying **atjanq*¹. It is sometimes projected back as pre-Germanic **h₃ed-olo-s*, from Proto-Indo-European **h₃ed-*, but the exact inherited formation is uncertain. Root cognates include Old Armenian *ատեմ* (*atem*), Ancient Greek *ὀδύσσομαι* (*odússomai*), and Latin *ōdī* (de Vaan 2008: 425; Kroonen 2013: 39, s.v. **atjan-*; Rix et al. 2001: 296; Matasović 2009b: 11).

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	atalaz	atalō	atalaꝥ, -atō	atalai	atalōz	atalō
Acc.	atalanꝥ	atalꝥ	atalaꝥ, -atō	atalanz	atalōz	atalō
Gen.	atalas, -is	atalaizōz	atalas, -is	atalaizꝥ	atalaizꝥ	atalaizꝥ
Dat.	atalammai	atalaizōi	atalammai	atalaimaz	atalaimaz	atalaimaz
Inst.	atalanō	atalaizō	atalanō	atalaimiz	atalaimiz	atalaimiz

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Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	atalō	atalꝥ	atalō	atalaniz	atalōniz	atalōnō
Acc.	atalanꝥ	atalōnꝥ	atalō	atalanunz	atalōnunz	atalōnō
Gen.	ataliniz	atalōniz	ataliniz	atalanꝥ	atalōnꝥ	atalanꝥ
Dat.	atalini	atalōni	atalini	atalammaz	atalōmaz	atalammaz
Inst.	atalinē	atalōnē	atalinē	atalammiz	atalōmiz	atalammiz

Descendants

atol (Old English)

ātel (Middle English)

atall, ȝtull (Old Norse)

atall, ötull (Icelandic)

atal (Norwegian Nynorsk)

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