

***aunaz** Runic: ᚱᚢᚳᚰᚢᚾᚰ Pronunciation: /'aʊ.naz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

lamb

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂egʷ-nó-s*, probably via pre-Germanic **akʷna-*. The Germanic **auna-* would regularly suggest PIE **gʷh* (de Vaan 2008: 30), but Ancient Greek ἀμνός (*amnós*) and Old Church Slavonic агнѧ (*agne*), the latter showing Winter's-law lengthening (Derksen 2008: 26–27, s.v. *àгнѣсь), favor plain **gʷ*. The Germanic form is therefore best explained as early remodeling of **akʷna-* under the influence of **awiz*, before Kluge's Law (Stiles 2018: 249–252). Cognate with Proto-Italic **agʷnos*, whence Latin *agnus* (de Vaan 2008: 30), and Proto-Celtic **ognos*, whose unexpected **o-* may likewise reflect influence from **owis* (Matasović 2009a: 301–302). The PIE noun has no secure deeper etymology.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aunaz	aunōz, aunōs
Acc.	auną	aunanz
Gen.	aunas, aunis	aunô
Dat.	aunai	aunamaz
Inst.	aunō	aunamiz
Voc.	aun	aunōz, aunōs

Descendants

***aun** (Proto-West Germanic)

| ***ēan** (Old English)

| **ġeēan** (Old English)

***aun** (Proto-West Germanic)

| ***ōn** (Old High German)

***aunn** (Old Norse)

| ***øñ** (Old Swedish)

| **ön (in vara i ön)** (Swedish)

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