

***auraz** Runic: ᚱᚲᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'aʊ.raz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. wet earth or clay, mud; sand, sediment
2. sea, water

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly from pre-Germanic **ouh₁-ro-*, a secondary o-grade formation related to the Proto-Indo-European nominal *r*-stem **weh₁-r- ~ *uh₁-r-*; compare Vedic Sanskrit वार् (*vār*) and Old Prussian *wurs* (Kroonen 2013: 42; Wodtko et al. 2008: 715). The o-grade required for **ouh₁-ro-* is morphologically unexpected (Kroonen 2013: 42). The Vedic comparison is not decisive, since वार् (*vār*) may instead continue earlier **wéd-r* within the heteroclitic **wéd-r ~ *ud-én-* paradigm (Kloekhorst 2013: 107–108). Lithuanian *jáura* and *júra* may also belong here (Jakob 2024: 86–87); Petit (2010a: 9) derives *júra* from **ūr-* < PIE **h₁uH-r-*, with secondary initial *j-* after the full-grade, *jáura* < **h₁ewH-r-*. If the unspecified laryngeal **H* was **h₁*, Kroonen's pre-Germanic **ouh₁-ro-* could formally represent the corresponding o-grade **h₁owh₁r-*. Alternatively, **auraz* may be related to Germanic **ūrq* and Old Irish *úr*, *úir* (Kroonen 2013: 42), though this Celto-Germanic comparison is not secure (van Sluis et al. 2023: 223).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	auraz	aurōz, aurōs
Acc.	aurā	auranz
Gen.	auras, auris	aurê
Dat.	aurai	auramaz
Inst.	aurō	auramiz
Voc.	aur	aurōz, aurōs

Descendants

***aur** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēar, ær (Old English)

are (Middle English)

aurr (Old Norse)

ør (Danish)

eyrur (Faroese)

aur (Gutnish)

aur (Icelandic)

aurr (Old Norse)

aur (Norwegian Nynorsk)

aur (Norwegian Bokmål)

aurr (Old Norse)

ør (Old Swedish)

ör (Swedish)

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