

***aupuz** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌿𐌺 Pronunciation: /'au.θuz/

adjective · u-stem

Meanings

easy, effortless; light, not difficult or burdensome

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂éu-tu-s*, belonging to the Indo-European **h₂eu(H)-* word family associated with favor, assistance, well-being, enjoyment, and desire. Compare Sanskrit अवति (*avati*), Avestan 𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀 (*auuaiti*), Old Irish *con-oí*, Ancient Greek ἐνής (*ēnēēs*), and Latin *aveō* (Kroonen 2013: 43; Visser 2024: 250–65). Kroonen reconstructs the immediate preform specifically as **h₂eu-tu-*; García Ramón (2012) and Villanueva Svensson (2014: 256–57) argue that the traditionally separated PIE roots **h₂eu-* and **h₁euH-* instead belong to a single root **h₂euH₁-*, with semantic developments including ‘help, favor’, ‘be pleased with, prefer’, and ‘desire’. The precise morphological relationship of **h₂eu-tu-* to this laryngeal-final root is uncertain. The adjective should probably be distinguished from **aupijaz*, although Orel (2003: 30, s.v. **aupjaz*) suggests that the two may nevertheless be historically related; Lehmann (1986a: 52, s.v. **aupš*) treats them as identical.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	aupuz	aupī	aupu, -jatō	aupijai	aupijōz	aupijō
Acc.	aupijanō	aupijō	aupu, -jatō	aupijananz	aupijōz	aupijō
Gen.	aupijas, aupīs	aupijaizōz	aupijas, aupīs	aupijaizô	aupijaizô	aupijaizô
Dat.	aupijammai	aupijaizōi	aupijammai	aupijaimaz	aupijaimaz	aupijaimaz
Inst.	aupijanō	aupijaizō	aupijanō	aupijaimiz	aupijaimiz	aupijaimiz

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Nom.	aupijō	aupijō	aupijō	aupijaniz	aupijōniz	aupijōnō
Acc.	aupijanų	aupijōnų	aupijō	aupijanunz	aupijōnunz	aupijōnō
Gen.	aupīniz	aupijōniz	aupīniz	aupijanô	aupijōnô	aupijanô
Dat.	aupīni	aupijōni	aupīni	aupijammaz	aupijōmaz	aupijammaz
Inst.	aupīnē	aupijōnē	aupīnē	aupijammiz	aupijōmiz	aupijammiz

Descendants

*aupī (Proto-West Germanic)

 *oudi (Old Dutch)

 ode (Middle Dutch)

 ode (Dutch)

 uue, uui (Limburgish)

*aupī (Proto-West Germanic)

 *oudi (Old Dutch)

 odelijc (Middle Dutch)

 olijk (Dutch)

***auþī** (Proto-West Germanic)

īeþe, ȝþe, ēþe, ēaþe (Old English)

ethe, æþ, eithe, ith (Middle English)

eath (English)

eith (Scots)

***auþī** (Proto-West Germanic)

***ōdi** (Old High German)

œde (Middle High German)

öde (German)

***auþī** (Proto-West Germanic)

ōthi (Old Saxon)

ode (Middle Low German)

ööd, öög (Low German)

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