

***awjōlanda** Runic: 𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌹𐌳𐌰𐌳𐌰 Pronunciation: /'aʊ.joː.ˌlan.dã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

island

Etymology

From **awjō* + **landa*. The compound is reflected by Old English *ieġland* and Old Norse *eyland*, but its reconstruction to Proto-Germanic is uncertain. Old Frisian *ā-lōnd*, *ey-land* appears to have arisen by secondary addition of ‘land’ to the inherited word for ‘island’, partly to distinguish it from homonyms (Boutkan & Siebinga 2005: 2), and Carr (1939: 37–38) accordingly regarded the compound as post-Proto-Germanic, while conceding that the Old English and Old Norse forms could formally continue a Proto-Germanic formation. Dutch *eiland* and related continental forms are probably borrowed from Old Frisian and therefore provide no independent evidence for Proto-Germanic antiquity (de Vaan 2014: 527–538). A Proto-Germanic **awjōlanda* is possible, but parallel secondary formations in the daughter languages cannot be excluded.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	awjōlanda	awjōlandō
Acc.	awjōlanda	awjōlandō
Gen.	awjōlandas, awjōlandis	awjōlandô
Dat.	awjōlandai	awjōlandamaz
Inst.	awjōlandō	awjōlandamiz
Voc.	awjōlanda	awjōlandō

Descendants

***auwjuland** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēaland, iēgland, iġland (Old English)

ylond, yland, iland, eiland (Middle English)

iland, island (English)

island, iland, yland (Scots)

***auwjuland** (Proto-West Germanic)

alond, āland, eiland (Old Frisian)

Ailound, Oailound (Saterland Frisian)

eilân (West Frisian)

***auwjuland** (Proto-West Germanic)

alond, āland, eiland (Old Frisian)

Ailön (Sylt)

***auwjuland** (Proto-West Germanic)

alond, āland, eiland (Old Frisian)

eilant (Old Dutch)

eilant (Middle Dutch)

eiland, eylant, eyland, eylandt, eijlandt, eilandt, eijlant, eijland (Dutch)

eiland (Afrikaans)

***auwjuland** (Proto-West Germanic)

alond, āland, eiland (Old Frisian)

eiland, eilant (Old Saxon)

eilant, eiglant, eylant (Middle Low German)

Eiland (Low German)

***auwjuland** (Proto-West Germanic)

alond, āland, eiland (Old Frisian)

eiland, eilant (Old Saxon)

eilant, eiglant, eylant (Middle Low German)

eilant, einlant (Middle High German)

Eiland (German)

eyland (Old Norse)

øland (Danish)

eyland (Icelandic)

Öland (Swedish)

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Words mentioned in this entry

*awjō noun *landa noun