

***babalōną** Runic: 𐰇𐰆𐰇𐰆𐰇𐰆𐰇𐰆𐰇𐰆 Pronunciation: /'ba.βa.lɔː.nã/

verb · Weak class 2

Meanings

to chatter, babble; to speak indistinctly or repetitively

Etymology

From expressive **baba-* + **-lōną*; Proto-Germanic **-lōną* forms iterative verbs, sometimes with diminutive or attenuative force (Krahe & Meid 1969: 263–64). The base belongs to a widespread imitative family **baba-* ~ **balba-* ~ **barbar-* denoting indistinct, repetitive, or stammering speech (Mallory & Adams 1997: 42; Mallory & Adams 2006: 360–61; Pokorny 1959: 91–92). These formations are explicitly regarded as onomatopoeic and therefore cannot securely be reconstructed as inherited Proto-Indo-European vocabulary. Compare Ancient Greek βαβάζω (*babázō*) and Sanskrit बबब-करोति (*bababa-karóti*), best regarded as expressive parallels rather than secure cognates.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	babalō	babalō	–
2nd singular	babalōsi	babalōs	babalō
3rd singular	babalōpi	babalō	babalōpau
1st dual	babalōs	babalōw	–
2nd dual	babalōpiz	babalōpiz	babalōpiz
1st plural	babalōmaz	babalōm	–
2nd plural	babalōp	babalōp	babalōp
3rd plural	babalōnpi	babalōn	babalōnpau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	babalōi	–
2nd singular	babalōsai	babalōsau
3rd singular	babalōpai	babalōpau
1st dual	–	–
2nd dual	–	–
1st plural	babalōnpai	babalōnpau
2nd plural	babalōnpai	babalōnpau
3rd plural	babalōnpai	babalōnpau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	babalōdġ	babalōdēdġ
2nd singular	babalōdēz	babalōdēdīz
3rd singular	babalōdē	babalōdēdī
1st dual	babalōdēdū	babalōdēdīw
2nd dual	babalōdēdudiz	babalōdēdīdiz
1st plural	babalōdēdum	babalōdēdīm
2nd plural	babalōdēdud	babalōdēdīd
3rd plural	babalōdēdun	babalōdēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
babalōna	babalōndz	babalōdaz

Descendants

*babalōn, *bablōn, *wablōn (Proto-West Germanic)

 *bablon (Old Dutch)

 babbelen (Middle Dutch)

 babbelen (Dutch)

 babbel (Afrikaans)

*babalōn, *bablōn, *wablōn (Proto-West Germanic)

 *bablian, *bæblīan, *bæflian, wæflian (Old English)

 bablen, babelen, *waffelen (Middle English)

 babble, waffle (English)

 bable, babil (Scots)

*babalōn, *bablōn, *wablōn (Proto-West Germanic)

 *babelia (Old Frisian)

 babbelje, bale (Saterland Frisian)

 babbelje (West Frisian)

***babalōn, *bablōn, *wablōn** (Proto-West Germanic)

***papalōn, *babalōn, blabazzen** (Old High German)

***papelen, *babelen, blabezen, blebezen, blebzen** (Middle High German)

pappeln, bappeln, babbeln, plappern (German)

***babalōn, *bablōn, *wablōn** (Proto-West Germanic)

***bablōn** (Old Saxon)

babbelen, brabbelen, brabbeln (Middle Low German)

brabbeln (German)

babbeln (Low German)

baublen (Plautdietsch)

babbla (Old Norse)

bable, bavle (Danish)

babla (Faroese)

båbble, babble (Gutnish)

babla (Icelandic)

bable (Norwegian)

babbla (Swedish)

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Words mentioned in this entry

***-lōną** suffix