

***balluz** Runic: ᚷᚠᚠᚢᚦ Pronunciation: /'bal.luz/

noun · masculine · u-stem

Meanings

1. round object, ball
2. ball of the hand, foot, etc.

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European *bʰól-ō from bʰól-ōn ~ *bʰl-n-ós, ultimately from *bʰel- ('to blow, inflate, swell'). Cognate with Latin *follis* ('windbag, balloon'). According to ([Kroonen 2013](#)), this was originally an n-stem (as preserved in Old High German ballo, German Ballen), and the North Proto-Germanic *balluz is an early back-formation from the old accusative plural **balluns.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	balluz	balliwiz
Acc.	ballu	ballunz
Gen.	ballauz	balliwō
Dat.	balliwi	ballumaz
Inst.	ballū	ballumiz
Voc.	ballu	balliwiz

Descendants

bǫllr (Old Norse)

bøllur (Faroese)

boll (Swedish)

bǫllr (Old Norse)

balder, baller (Old Swedish)

boll (Swedish)

Old Norse

***pǫllō** (Proto-Samic)

pallo (Finnish)

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