

***bilja** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'bil.jã/

noun · neuter · ja-stem

Meanings

1. a cutting implement; blade; ax; sword
2. spike; peg; nail

Etymology

Probably from pre-Germanic **b^hih₂-tló-yo-m*, an instrumental formation formed from the zero-grade Proto-Indo-European *root of *b^heyh₂-* ('to strike, hit; hew, cut'), perhaps, originally meaning 'striking/cutting implement'. Cognates are Old Irish *biáil* ('axe, hatchet'), Welsh *bwyell* ('axe').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	bilja	biljō
Acc.	bilja	biljō
Gen.	biljas, bilis	biljō
Dat.	biljai	biljamaz
Inst.	biljō	biljamiz
Voc.	bilja	biljō

Descendants

bil, bill (Old English)

bil, bille, bill (Middle English)

bill (English)

bill (Scots)

***bile** (Old Frisian)

bile (West Frisian)

bil (Old Saxon)

bil, bīl, bīle (Middle Low German)

bil (Danish)

Biel (Low German)

bila (Swedish)

***billi, *bīal, *bīala** (Old Dutch)

bille, bīle, bijl (Middle Dutch)

bil, bijl (Dutch)

byl (Afrikaans)

bihal, bīhala, billi (Old High German)

bille, bil, bīhel, bīel, pīel, bil, bīle (Middle High German)

Bille, Beil (German)

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