

***blaupuz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'blaʊ.θuz/

adjective · u-stem

Meanings

1. weak, feeble, emaciated
2. lacking, void, naked
3. soft, faint-hearted, gentle

Etymology

Uncertain. A speculative derivation would be from the Proto-Indo-European root family **b^hel-* / **b^hlew-* / **b^hlewH-* ‘blow, swell; overflow’, perhaps via a **-tu-* derivative such as pre-Germanic **b^hlów-tu-s*. The semantic development ‘weak, timid, cowardly’ would require several intermediate steps such as ‘swollen, puffed up’ → ‘soft, yielding’ → ‘feeble’. But this puts it right in line with **blautaz* (‘soft; exhausted; emptied out; spent; fainthearted; bare; naked’) which Lehmann (1986b: s.v. **blaupjan*) and (Orel 2003: 48) seem to support. A derivation from PIE **ml-* seems to be difficult phonologically.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	blaupuz	blaupī	blaupu, -jatō	blaupijai	blaupijōz	blaupijō
Acc.	blaupijanō	blaupijō	blaupu, -jatō	blaupijanz	blaupijōz	blaupijō
Gen.	blaupijas, blaupīs	blaupijaizōz	blaupijas, blaupīs	blaupijaizō	blaupijaizō	blaupijaizō
Dat.	blaupijammai	blaupijaizōi	blaupijammai	blaupijaimaz	blaupijaimaz	blaupijaimaz
Inst.	blaupijanō	blaupijaizō	blaupijanō	blaupijaimiz	blaupijaimiz	blaupijaimiz

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Nom.	blaupijō	blaupijō	blaupijō	blaupijaniz	blaupijōniz	blaupijōnō
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Gen.	blaupīniz	blaupijōniz	blaupīniz	blaupijanō	blaupijōnō	blaupijanō
Dat.	blaupīni	blaupijōni	blaupīni	blaupijammaz	blaupijōmaz	blaupijammaz
Inst.	blaupīnē	blaupijōnē	blaupīnē	blaupijammiz	blaupijōmiz	blaupijammiz

Descendants

- blēap (Old English)
 - bleath, bleth, blethe (Middle English)
 - blait, blate (Scots)
 - blate, bloat (English)

- *blāth (Old Frisian)
 - blood (Saterland Frisian)
 - blea (West Frisian)

- *blōth, blōthi (Old Saxon)

blōde, blōde (Middle Low German)

blood, blöod, bleud (Low German)

***blauthi, *blōdi** (Frankish)

***blōdi** (Old Dutch)

blōde, bloot (Middle Dutch)

blood, bloo, bleu (Dutch)

plōdi, blōdi (Old High German)

blōde (Middle High German)

bled (Bavarian)

blōde, blöd (German)

bléid (Luxembourgish)

blauðr (Old Norse)

blød (Danish)

blauður (Icelandic)

blauðr (Old Norse)

blødher (Old Swedish)

blöd (Swedish)

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