

***blēwaz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'blɛ:.waz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

1. blue
2. a dark bluish or grey color, black

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **b^hleh₁-w-ó-s*, from Proto-Indo-European **b^hleh₁-* ('blue, gray, yellow'). (Kroonen 2013) reconstructs an ablauting u-stem, **b^hléh₁-u-s* ~ **b^hlh₁-w-ó-s*, in order to reconcile the vowels of the Proto-Germanic word with Latin *flāvus* ('blond, yellow'), which is likely cognate; compare also Proto-Celtic **blāwos* ('yellow'). It is uncertain whether this root is related to Proto-Indo-European **b^hel-* ('to blaze; glow; bright flame; white').

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	blēwaz	blēwō	blēwa, -atō	blēwai	blēwōz	blēwō
Acc.	blēwanō	blēwō	blēwa, -atō	blēwanz	blēwōz	blēwō
Gen.	blēwas, -is	blēwaizōz	blēwas, -is	blēwaizō	blēwaizō	blēwaizō
Dat.	blēwammai	blēwaizōi	blēwammai	blēwaimaz	blēwaimaz	blēwaimaz
Inst.	blēwanō	blēwaizō	blēwanō	blēwaimiz	blēwaimiz	blēwaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	blēwō	blēwō	blēwō	blēwaniz	blēwōniz	blēwōnō
Acc.	blēwanų	blēwōnų	blēwō	blēwanunz	blēwōnunz	blēwōnō
Gen.	blēwiniz	blēwōniz	blēwiniz	blēwanō	blēwōnō	blēwanō
Dat.	blēwini	blēwōni	blēwini	blēwammaz	blēwōmaz	blēwammaz
Inst.	blēwinē	blēwōnē	blēwinē	blēwammiz	blēwōmiz	blēwammiz

Descendants

*blāu (Proto-West Germanic)	
*blāo (Old Dutch)	
blau, blauwe (Middle Dutch)	
blów (Limburgish)	
*blāu (Proto-West Germanic)	
*blāo (Old Dutch)	
blau, blauwe (Middle Dutch)	
blauw, blouw, blaauw (Dutch)	
blou (Afrikaans)	
*blāu (Proto-West Germanic)	
blāw, *blæw (Old English)	
blo, bla, bloo, bloe (Middle English)	
blue (English)	
blae, blaw, bla, blea, ble (Scots)	
*blāu (Proto-West Germanic)	
blāu, blāw (Old Frisian)	
bla, blö (North Frisian)	
blau (Saterland Frisian)	
blau (West Frisian)	
*blāu (Proto-West Germanic)	
blāo, plāo (Old High German)	
blā (Middle High German)	
blaaw (Alemannic German)	

blau (German)

blōw (Vilamovian)

בלאָ (blo), בלוי (bloy) (Yiddish)

***blāu** (Proto-West Germanic)

blāo, plāo (Old High German)

blā (Middle High German)

bloo, blau (Central Franconian)

blo (Luxembourgish)

***blāu** (Proto-West Germanic)

blāo, plāo (Old High German)

blā (Middle High German)

bloh (Pennsylvania German)

***blāu** (Proto-West Germanic)

blāo, blāu (Old Saxon)

blâ, blâw, blauwe (Middle Low German)

blau, blaag, bloe (Low German)

blauw (Dutch Low Saxon)

***blāu** (Proto-West Germanic)

blāo, blāu (Old Saxon)

blâ, blâw, blauwe (Middle Low German)

blau, blaag, bloe (Low German)

blaag, blag, blau, blaug, blo', blao (Low German)

bleiw (Plautdietsch)

blár (Old Norse)

bláur (Faroese)

blåar, blaar (Gutnish)

blár (Icelandic)

blá (Jamtish)

blå (Norn)

blå (Norwegian Bokmål)

blå, blår, blår'e, blå'u (Norwegian Nynorsk)

blár (Old Norse)

bla, blaa, blo, bloo (Middle English)

blae, bla (Scots)

blár (Old Norse)

blā (Old Danish)

blå (Danish)

blár (Old Norse)

blār (Old Swedish)

blå (Swedish)

***plāvē** (Proto-Samic)

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