

***blīwą** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'bli:.wã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

1. color, hue
2. lead-grey appearance

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **b^hleyH-w-ó-m* from root **b^hleyH-* 'shine; appear pale/grey'. Ultimately from root **b^hel-* ('to blaze; glow; bright flame; white'). Likely the source of **blīwija* ('lead(metal)'). Possibly elated to **blēwaz* ('blue'), given the semantics.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	blīwą	blīwō
Acc.	blīwą	blīwō
Gen.	blīwas, blīwīs	blīwō
Dat.	blīwai	blīwamaz
Inst.	blīwō	blīwamiz
Voc.	blīwą	blīwō

Descendants

***bliu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***blīo** (Old Dutch)

blie, blye (Middle Dutch)

***blīu** (Proto-West Germanic)

blēo, bleoh, blīo, blioh (Old English)

bleo, ble, blee (Middle English)

blee, bly (English)

ble, blee (Scots)

***blīu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***blī, blie** (Old Frisian)

bläy (North Frisian)

Bläier (Saterland Frisian)

***blīu** (Proto-West Germanic)

blī, blīo (Old Saxon)

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