

***dala/dalaz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'da.lã/, /'da.laz/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

valley, dale

Etymology

Uncertain; suggested to be cognate with Proto-Slavic **dôľ* ('dale, valley'), and Welsh *dôl* ('dale, valley'), from Proto-Indo-European **dʰól* (H)-o-s (Derksen 2008; Mallory & Adams 1997). A possible derivation from **dʰelh₁-* ('to well forth, spring forth; to flourish, green') is not out of the question, given the semantics of many reflexes, such as 'leaf, green, fresh, blooming', etc.

The West Proto-Germanic descendants are generally neuter (though Old High German *tal* is attested in both neuter and masculine), while the North Proto-Germanic descendants are masculine; the gender of the Gothic term cannot be determined. It is therefore unknown whether neuter **dala* or masculine **dalaz* is the original form.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	dala	dalō
Acc.	dala	dalō
Gen.	dalas, dalis	dalô
Dat.	dalai	dalamaz
Inst.	dalō	dalamiz
Voc.	dala	dalō

Descendants

***dal** (Proto-West Germanic)

dal (Old Dutch)

dal (Middle Dutch)

daal (Limburgish)

***dal** (Proto-West Germanic)

dal (Old Dutch)

dal (Middle Dutch)

dal (Dutch)

dal (Afrikaans)

***dal** (Proto-West Germanic)

dæl (Old English)

dale, dæle, deale (Middle English)

dale (English)

dale, daal (Scots)

***dal** (Proto-West Germanic)

***dal, del** (Old Frisian)

dal, dalle, dol (North Frisian)

Doal (Saterland Frisian)

delle (West Frisian)

***dal** (Proto-West Germanic)

tal (Old High German)

tal (Middle High German)

Tall (Alemannic German)

Tal (German)

Dall (Luxembourgish)

Daal (Pennsylvania German)

טאָל (tol) (Yiddish)

***dal** (Proto-West Germanic)

dal (Old Saxon)

dal (Middle Low German)

Daal (Low German)

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dalr (Old Norse)

dalur (Faroese)

dalur (Icelandic)

dal, dal'e (Norwegian Nynorsk)

dalr (Old Norse)

dal (Danish)

dal (Norwegian Bokmål)

dalr (Old Norse)

dal (Old Swedish)

dal (Swedish)

𐌳𐌹𐌶 (dal), *𐌳𐌹𐌶s (*dals) (Gothic)

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