

***ehwaz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'e.xʷaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

- horse
- name of the rune ᚱ (“e”)

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₁ékʷ-o-s* (‘horse’), likely a derivation of the adjective **h₁ék-u-s* (‘quick, swift’) (Kloekhorst 2008). Cognates are Proto-Balto-Slavic *éšwāʔ* (‘mare’), Proto-Celtic *ekʷos* (‘horse’), Latin *equus* (‘horse, steed’), and Ancient Greek ἵππος (*hippos*) (hippos, ‘horse, mare’). Already archaic, it was only used in compounds and poetically in the Proto-Germanic daughter languages.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	ehwaz	ehwōz, ehwōs
Acc.	ehwą	ehwanz
Gen.	ehwas, ehwis	ehwō
Dat.	ehwai	ehwamaz
Inst.	ehwō	ehwamiz
Voc.	ehw	ehwōz, ehwōs

Descendants

***ehw** (Proto-West Germanic)

eo**h** (Old English)

***ehw** (Proto-West Germanic)

ehu- (**in compounds**) (Old High German)

***ehw** (Proto-West Germanic)

ehu-, **eo-** (**in compounds**) (Old Saxon)

𐌴𐌹𐌺𐌰** (euaz**) (Proto-Norse)

jór, **eór** (Old Norse)

jór (Icelandic)

𐌴𐌹𐌺** (eur**) (Proto-Norse)

jór, **eór** (Old Norse)

jór (Icelandic)

𐌺𐌴𐌸** (aiz**) (Gothic)

𐌺𐌴𐌸𐌹𐌲𐌹𐌸𐌴𐌺𐌴 (**aizatundi**) (Gothic)

***hēpo** (Proto-Finnic)

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