

***flauhaz** Runic: 𐌺𐌳𐌿𐌿𐌸𐌰 Pronunciation: /'flaʊ.xaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

flea

Etymology

From pre-Germanic *plówk-o-s, from Proto-Indo-European **plewk-* ('to fly, flow, run'), though possibly reformulated from *plóws-o-s from PIE *plus- ('flea'; compare Latin *pūlex* ('flea'), Lithuanian *blusà* ('flea'), Sanskrit *प्लुषि* (*plúṣi*) (plúṣi, 'a species of noxious insect'), Old Armenian *լու* (lu, 'flea'), and Ancient Greek *ψύλλᾱ* (*psúllā*) (psúllā, 'flea')). The reformulation may have developed under the influence of *fleuhana ('to flee; to escape'). The West Proto-Germanic reflexes in -h and the Proto-Samic reflexes show that the original word was a masculine a-stem, as ō-stems are generally borrowed with the same final vocalism (cf. PGmc *bergō > PSmc *pierkō, PGmc *farō > PSmc *fārō) (Aikio 2006) and that North Proto-Germanic speakers later reanalyzed it as a feminine ō-stem.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	flauhaz	flauhōz, flauhōs
Acc.	flauha	flauhanz
Gen.	flauhas, flauhis	flauhō
Dat.	flauhai	flauhamaz
Inst.	flauhō	flauhamiz
Voc.	flauh	flauhōz, flauhōs

Descendants

***flauh** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***flō** (Old Dutch)

vlō (Middle Dutch)

vlo (Dutch)

vloea, vloej (Limburgish)

***flauh** (Proto-West Germanic)

flēah, flēa, flæh, fleah, flēo (Old English)

fle, flee, flei, fleigh, fley (Middle English)

flea (English)

flech, flaich, fle, flae (Scots)

***flauh** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***flā, *flē** (Old Frisian)

Flee (Saterland Frisian)

flie (West Frisian)

***flauh** (Proto-West Germanic)

flōh, flō (Old High German)

vlōch, vlō (Middle High German)

Flo (Alemannic German)

Floh (German)

פֿלוי (floy) (Yiddish)

***flauh** (Proto-West Germanic)

flōh, flō (Old High German)

vlōch, vlō (Middle High German)

Fluh, Floh (Central Franconian)

Flou (Luxembourgish)

***flauh** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***flōh, *flō** (Old Saxon)

vlō (Middle Low German)

Flo, Flō, Flau, Flua (Low German)

fló (Old Norse)

fló (Icelandic)

matflo (Norwegian Bokmål)

fló (Old Norse)

 ***marrfló** (Old Norse)

marflo (Norwegian Bokmål)

marflo (Norwegian Nynorsk)

***lāffēs** (Proto-Samic)

láfes (Lule Sami)

***lāvkkēs** (Proto-Samic)

lávkkis (Northern Sami)

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