

***hamaraz** Runic: ᚱᚰᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'xa.ma.raz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

hammer

Etymology

Traditionally treated as derived from Proto-Indo-European **h₂ék̑mō* ('stone') (compare Sanskrit अश्मन् (*aśman*) (aśman, 'stone')), from **h₂ek-* ('sharp'), via a formation like **h₂ek̑moros* (compare Sanskrit अश्मर (*aśmará*) (aśmará, 'stony')). But the phonology is problematic. A metathesis of **h₂* and *ík* like that assumed to underlie Proto-Balto-Slavic **ká'mō* may account for the Germanic short vowel, i.e. **kh₂moros*. Hyllested instead suggests borrowing from Proto-Finnic **hamara* ('butt of an axe, back of a knife'). However, it is not clear that the proposed chronology works out: At the implied time of borrowing (last centuries BC or first centuries AD), Finnic **h* may well still have been **š*, which would probably be reflected as **s* in Germanic.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	hamaraz	hamarōz, hamarōs
Acc.	hamarą	hamaranz
Gen.	hamaras, hamaris	hamarô
Dat.	hamarai	hamaramaz
Inst.	hamarō	hamaramiz
Voc.	hamar	hamarōz, hamarōs

Descendants

***hamar** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***hamar** (Old Dutch)

hamer (Middle Dutch)

oamer (West Flemish)

***hamar** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***hamar** (Old Dutch)

hamer (Middle Dutch)

hamer (Dutch)

hamer (Afrikaans)

***hamar** (Proto-West Germanic)

hamor, hamer, homer (Old English)

hamer, hamber (Middle English)

hamer, hammer, hemer, hemmer, haimmer (Scots)

***hamar** (Proto-West Germanic)

hamor, hamer, homer (Old English)

hamer, hamber (Middle English)

hammer (English)

haamaa (Fiji Hindi)

 ハンマー (Japanese)

amra (Sranan Tongo)

***hamar** (Proto-West Germanic)

hamer, homer (Old Frisian)

Hoomer (Saterland Frisian)

hammer (West Frisian)

***hamar** (Proto-West Germanic)

hamar (Old High German)

hamer (Middle High German)

Håmmer (Bavarian)

Hammer (German)

Hummer (Luxembourgish)

 האַמער (**hamer**) (Yiddish)

***hamar** (Proto-West Germanic)

hamar, hamur (Old Saxon)

hāmer (Middle Low German)

Hamer (Low German)

Homa (Plautdietsch)

hamarr (Old Norse)

åmår (Elfdalian)

hamar, hamari (Faroese)

hammare, hamar (Gutnish)

hamar (Icelandic)

hamarr (Old Norse)

hamar, hammar (Norwegian Nynorsk)

hammar (Norwegian Bokmål)

hamarr (Old Norse)

hamær, hambær (Old Danish)

hammer (Danish)

hammer (Norwegian Bokmål)

hamarr (Old Norse)

hamar (Old Swedish)

hammare, hammar (Swedish)

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