

***laupra** Runic: ᚠ ᚠ ᚠ ᚠ ᚠ ᚠ Pronunciation: /'lau.θrã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

- nitre used as soap, soap
- foam, lather

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **lówh₃trom* ('that which is used for washing'), from Proto-Indo-European **lewh₃-* ('to wash, bathe') + **-trom* (equivalent to **-pra*). Cognate with Ancient Greek λουτρόν (*loutrón*) (loutrón, 'a bath, wash-room'), Old Irish *lóathar* ('wash-basin'). Kroonen attributes the Germanic o-grade to a different reconstruction of the root as **leh₃-*, extended as **lh₃-éw-*, based on Hittite 𐎠𐎢𐎣𐎶𐎵𐎫𐎶 (*la-a-ḫu-i*) (la-a-ḫu-i, 'to pour'), though this is unlikely and there are other possible explanations.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	laupra	lauprō
Acc.	laupra	lauprō
Gen.	laupras, laupris	lauprô
Dat.	lauprai	laupramaz
Inst.	lauprō	laupramiz
Voc.	laupra	lauprō

Descendants

***lauþr** (Proto-West Germanic)

lōthar (Old Saxon)

***lauþr** (Proto-West Germanic)

lēaþor (Old English)

lather (Middle English)

lather (English)

lather (Scots)

***lauþr** (Proto-West Germanic)

***lōdar** (Old High German)

skiflōdar (Old High German)

lauðr (Old Norse)

ludur, luddur, luddar, lau, lavv (Gutnish)

lauður, löður (Icelandic)

laur (Norwegian Nynorsk)

? (Smalandian)

lödder (Swedish)

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