

***maþla** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'maθ.lã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

1. gathering
2. speech
3. legal case
4. agreement

Etymology

Uncertain. Perhaps from a zero-grade stem of *mōtana (‘to be permitted to, to be allowed’) (compare *mōta (‘meeting’) for the semantics) + *-tlom (‘instrument suffix’). In the case of *maþla, the root-final Proto-Indo-European *d of their common root may have been lost before the instrumental *-þla (< *-tlom) suffix, as in Proto-West Germanic *seþl from *séd-tlom; however, the existence of such a phonetic process is disputed, as a sequence of two dentals normally yields Germanic *-ss-, and there are alternative explanations for *seþl.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	maþla	maþlō
Acc.	maþla	maþlō
Gen.	maþlas, maþlis	maþlô
Dat.	maþlai	maþlamaz
Inst.	maþlō	maþlamiz
Voc.	maþla	maþlō

Descendants

***maþl** (Proto-West Germanic)

mæþel (Old English)

mēl (Old Frisian)

***maþl** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ? (Frankish)

mallum (Late Latin)

***maþl** (Proto-West Germanic)

mahal, māl, madal (Old High German)

mahel, māl (Middle High German)

Mahl (German)

***maþl** (Proto-West Germanic)

mahal (Old Saxon)

mal (Middle Low German)

mál (Old Norse)

mál (Faroese)

mál (Icelandic)

mål (Norwegian Bokmål)

mál (Old Norse)

mal (Old Danish)

mål (Danish)

mál (Old Norse)

māl (Old English)

mal, male (Middle English)

mail (English)

mail (Scots)

mál (Old Norse)

māl (Old Swedish)

mål (Swedish)

𐌿𐌱𐌰𐌶 (**maþl**) (Gothic)

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