

***meluks** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'me.luks/

noun · feminine · consonant stem

Meanings

milk

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂melǵ-* ('to milk'). Cognate with Latin *mulgeō* (*"milk", verb*) ('milk', verb).

The presence of *-u- in the second syllable is aberrant, as it was not present in the PIE root or even in the related Germanic verb **melkaną*. However, the evidence of all descendants speaks unambiguously in favour of its presence. Aside from being directly attested in most of them, it is also implied by Old Norse u-mutation in case forms where it would not be expected, in the raising of e to i before u in the non-Ingvaemonic West Germanic languages, and in the High German shift /k/ → /x/.

Possible theories of origin of the disputed *-u-:

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	meluks	melukiz
Acc.	melukꞑ	melukunz
Gen.	melukiz	melukô
Dat.	meluki	melukumaz
Inst.	melukē	melukumiz
Voc.	meluk	melukiz

Descendants

***meluk** (Proto-West Germanic)

miloc, milic, milec (Old Dutch)

melc (Middle Dutch)

mèlk (Limburgish)

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miloc, milic, milec (Old Dutch)

melc (Middle Dutch)

melk (Dutch)

melk (Afrikaans)

meliki (Aukan)

meleke (Berbice Creole Dutch)

mèleg, mèrki (Caribbean Javanese)

määlk (Jersey Dutch)

mălák (Munsee)

melk (Negerhollands)

meíki (Saramaccan)

melek (Tok Pisin)

***meluk** (Proto-West Germanic)

miloc, milic, milec (Old Dutch)

melc (Middle Dutch)

melk (Dutch)

merki (Sranan Tongo)

Kari'na: meliki

***meluk** (Proto-West Germanic)

meolc, meoloc, meoluc, milc (Old English)

milk, milke, milc, melke, melc, mulk, mulc (Middle English)

milk, melk (English)

milk, melk, mylk (Scots)

mulk (Yola)

***meluk** (Proto-West Germanic)

melok (Old Frisian)

? (North Frisian)

Moalk, Molk (Saterland Frisian)

molke (West Frisian)

***meluk** (Proto-West Germanic)

miluh (Old High German)

milich, milch (Middle High German)

Möuch, Melch (Alemannic German)

Muich, Milli, milch, milach, milich (Bavarian)

? (Central Franconian)

? (Rhine Franconian)

mylich (Vilamovian)

מילך (milkh) (Yiddish)

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miluh (Old High German)

milich, milch (Middle High German)

Milch (German)

milis (Tok Pisin)

***meluk** (Proto-West Germanic)

miluk (Old Saxon)

melik, melk (Middle Low German)

Melk (Low German)

melk (Dutch Low Saxon)

Melk (German Low German)

mjǫlk (Old Norse)

mjok (Elfdalian)

mjólk (Faroese)

mjalk, mjälk, mjölk (Gutnish)
mjólk (Icelandic)

mjǫlk (Old Norse)

mjøl̥k, mjolk, mjelk (Norwegian Nynorsk)
mjølk (Norwegian Bokmål)

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milk, mjælk (Scanian)

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𐌿𐌺𐌶𐌰𐌸 (miluks) (Gothic)

***mielkkē** (Proto-Samic)

***melko** (Proto-Slavic)

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