

***mūla** Runic: 𐌚𐌚𐌚𐌚 Pronunciation: /'mu:.lǎ/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

muzzle

Etymology

(SS: See Kroonen 2017, < *muh₃-tló zero-grade of meuh₃ ('?')) I don't see this root anywhere so may have to go with *mluH-tló instead...hope you got this far!!! 6/5/2026). Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **muH-lo-s* ('lips, muzzle'), from a root *mew- ('to chew') with no certain cognates outside of Germanic. Has been compared with Ancient Greek *μύλλον* (*múllon*) ('lip'), though the origin of the double λ is uncertain. Note also similarities to Sanskrit *मूल* (*mūla*) ('root'), which if related, would be interpreted as a "muzzle (for plants to drink water from the soil)".

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	mūla	mūlō
Acc.	mūla	mūlō
Gen.	mūlas, mūlis	mūlō
Dat.	mūlai	mūlamaz
Inst.	mūlō	mūlamiz
Voc.	mūla	mūlō

Descendants

***mūl** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***mūl** (Old Dutch)

muul (Middle Dutch)

muil (Dutch)

muil (Afrikaans)

***mūl** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***mūl** (Old High German)

mūl (Middle High German)

Muul (Alemannic German)

Muul (Central Franconian)

Maul (German)

Maul (Luxembourgish)

 מױל (**moyl**) (Yiddish)

***mūl** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***mūl** (Old High German)

mūl (Middle High German)

 ? (Bavarian)

maul (Cimbrian)

***mūl** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***mūl** (Old Saxon)

mûl (Middle Low German)

Muul (German Low German)

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