

***sōl** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'sɔ:l/

noun · neuter · consonant stem

Meanings

1. sun, the Sun
2. name of the S-rune ()

Etymology

Ultimately from Proto-Indo-European **sóh₂wl̥* ~ **sh₂wén-s* ('sun'), though how and as what inflection type are uncertain. Gothic *sąnīl* (sauil) and Old Norse *sól* point to **s^(e/o)h₂wel-* and **s^e/h₂wul-*, respectively, which perhaps suggests an inherited l/n-stem paradigm **sōl* (< **sōwul*) ~ **sawiniz* (or consonant stem **sōl* ~ **sawiliz*), with the Gothic leveled from the weak case.

Alternatively reconstructed as **sōel* (< **sōwel*) ~ **suniz*, from Proto-Indo-European **séh₂wel* ~ **sh₂un-és*, and although this would account for the Gothic form, it is problematic for the West Germanic and Old Norse forms, where one might expect the outcome in Old Saxon to be ***sō(w)el*, ***sō(w)il*, compare Old Saxon *hnōil*, from Proto-West Germanic **hnōil* ('planer').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	sōl	—
Acc.	sōl	—
Gen.	sunniniz	—
Dat.	sunnini	—
Inst.	sunninē	—
Voc.	sōl	—

Descendants

***sōl** (Proto-West Germanic)

sōl, sigel, sægl, sygel, seġl, swegēl, sweġl, swæġl (Old English)

sōl (Old Saxon)

sól (Old Norse)

sol (Danish)

sól (Faroese)

sol, soli (Gutnish)

sól (Icelandic)

sul (Norn)

sol (Norwegian Bokmål)

sol (Norwegian Nynorsk)

sul, sool (Scots)

sól (Old Norse)

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𐍂𐍃𐍅𐍺 (**sauil**) (Gothic)

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