

***sūliz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'su:.liz/

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Meanings

1. beam, post
2. column, pillar

Etymology

From a pre-Germanic ablauting paradigm *sou-l- ~ *suH-l- (with full-grade retained in the Gothic descendant), apparently from a Proto-Indo-European **sweHl-* ('log, wedge, firewood'), which Kroonen considers of unclear further origin. Orel connects the Germanic with Ancient Greek ὕλη (*húlē*) (*húlē*, 'wood') and perhaps Latin *solum* ('bottom').

Older theories derived the term from Proto-Indo-European *ksewl-, *kswel- ('log'), from Proto-Indo-European *ksew-, *kes- ('to scratch, comb'), with Ancient Greek ξύλον (*xúlōn*) (*xúlōn*, 'wood') often compared. Beekes supports this comparison, but considers the words to be borrowed from a common substrate, rather than inherited from Proto-Indo-European. Note also Proto-Germanic *sulī ('balk, bar, sill').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	sūliz	sūlīz
Acc.	sūlj	sūlinz
Gen.	sūlīz	sūlijô
Dat.	sūlī	sūlimaz
Inst.	sūlī	sūlimiz
Voc.	sūli	sūlīz

Descendants

***sūli** (Proto-West Germanic)

sēle (Old Frisian)

***sūli** (Proto-West Germanic)

sūl (Old Dutch)

suul (Middle Dutch)

zuul (Limburgish)

***sūli** (Proto-West Germanic)

sūl (Old Dutch)

suul (Middle Dutch)

zuil (Dutch)

suil (West Frisian)

***sūli** (Proto-West Germanic)

sȳl (Old English)

syle (Middle English)

sile (English)

sile, syle, cyle (Scots)

***sūli** (Proto-West Germanic)

sūl (Old High German)

sūl (Middle High German)

Säule (German)

Sail (Luxembourgish)

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