

***tunglā** Runic: ᚢᚳᚠᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'tuŋ.glǣ/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

1. luminary, orb
2. heavenly body, star

Etymology

Of unclear origin. Usually connected to *tungō ('tongue'), though the putative semantic links (either the crescent moon resembling a tongue, or the twinkling of the stars bringing to mind the lolling and darting of someone's tongue) are rather speculative and tenuous, and appear to lack semantic parallels in other languages. An alternative theory deriving the word from Proto-Indo-European **dʰǵʰ-* ('covering, overcast') (whence Proto-Balto-Slavic **dangāʔ*) is semantically more attractive but formally impossible.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	tunglā	tunglō
Acc.	tunglā	tunglō
Gen.	tunglas, tunglis	tunglō
Dat.	tunglai	tunglamaz
Inst.	tunglō	tunglamiz
Voc.	tunglā	tunglō

***tungl** (Proto-West Germanic)

tungol (Middle English)

heofontungol (Old English)

***tungl** (Proto-West Germanic)

***zungal** (Old High German)

himilzungal (Old High German)

***tungl** (Proto-West Germanic)

tungal (Old Saxon)

hevantungal, himiltungal (Old Saxon)

tungl (Old Norse)

tunggel (Elfdalian)

tungl (Faroese)

tungl (Icelandic)

tungl (Old Norse)

tungel (Old Swedish)

(dated, dialectal) **tungel** (Swedish)

тнгл (tuggl) (Gothic)

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