

***airizô** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌰 Pronunciation: /'ɑj.ri.zɔː/

adjective · an/in-stem

Meanings

earlier; preceding in time; former

Etymology

From the temporal adverb **airi* + the comparative suffix **-izô*. Unlike an ordinary adjectival comparative, **airizô* was formed directly to an adverb and had no corresponding positive adjective; such independently formed comparatives are inherited relics of an older Indo-European system (Ringe 2017: 317–18). The base **airi* continues Proto-Indo-European **h₂éyeri*, probably a temporal adverb formed from the locative of an old *r/n*-stem **h₂éy-r* ~ **h₂éy-en*. Compare Ancient Greek ἤρι (*êri*) and Avestan 𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀 (*aiiarə*) (Dunkel 2014: 258; Kroonen 2013: s.v. **airi*-). The suffix reflects the zero grade **-is-* of the Proto-Indo-European comparative or elative suffix **-yos-* ~ **-is-*, followed by Germanic weak *n*-stem inflection (Meier-Brügger 2003: 220–21; Ringe 2017: 315–18).

Usage Note

There is no existing positive degree for this word; instead, there are various adjectival formations used to express it. It has a weak declension only.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gen.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dat.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inst.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	airizô	airizĭ	airizô	airizaniz	airizīniz	airizōnō
Acc.	airizanu	airizīnu	airizô	airizô	airizanunz	airizīnunz
Gen.	airizōnō	airiziniz	airizīniz	airiziniz	airizanô	airizīnô
Dat.	airizini	airizīni	airizini	airizammaz	airizīmaz	airizammaz
Inst.	airizinē	airizīnē	airizīnē	airizammiz	airizīmiz	airizammiz

Descendants

***airirō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ēriro** (Old Dutch)

eerre (Middle Dutch)

eerder (Dutch)

eerder (Afrikaans)

***airirō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ǣrra (Old English)

ærre, eror, erore (Middle English)

***airirō** (Proto-West Germanic)

earder (West Frisian)

***airirō** (Proto-West Germanic)

êrer (Middle Low German)

ehrder (Low German)

***airirō** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēriro, ēroro (Old High German)

ērer (Middle High German)

eher (German)

𐌰𐌹𐌺𐌰 (**airiza**) (Gothic)

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*-izō suffix *airi adverb