

***aistô** Runic: ᚱ | ᚦ | ᚦ | ᚦ | ᚦ Pronunciation: /'ɑ̯js.tɔː/

noun · neuter · an-stem

Meanings

testicle

Etymology

From a pre-Germanic base **h₂oyd-sth₂-o-*, ultimately from Proto-Indo-European **h₂eyd-* (also reflected in **aitaz* and **aitraq*), with *o*-grade of the root and an *-sth₂-o-* enlargement (Kroonen 2013: 14). The word was probably secondary in Proto-Germanic: neuter *n*-stems denoting body parts remained productive in Old Norse, so Old Norse *eista* need not continue an inherited PIE *n*-stem (Kroonen 2011a: 44–45; Kroonen 2013: 14). Cognate formations occur in Balto-Slavic: Lithuanian *inkstas* and Old Church Slavonic *исто* (*isto*), for which Derksen reconstructs **h₂id-st(h₂)-es-/***h₂id-st-es-*, indicating a closely related but not morphologically identical formation (Derksen 2008: 215; Derksen 2015: 202). The same root is reflected in Ancient Greek *οἰδέω* (*oidéō*) and *οἶδος* (*oîdos*), Old Armenian *այտնութ* (*aytnum*), and Latin *aemidus* (Beekes 2010: 1053–54; Kroonen 2013: 14; Martirosyan 2010: 61, 706; Orel 2003: 10; Rix et al. 2001: 258).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aistô	aistônō
Acc.	aistô	aistônō
Gen.	aistiniz	aistanġ
Dat.	aistini	aistammaz
Inst.	aistinē	aistammiz
Voc.	aistô	aistônō

Descendants

- eista (Old Norse)
- eista (Faroese)

eista (Icelandic)

eiste (Norwegian Nynorsk)

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