

***ardiz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚩᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'ar.ðiz/

noun · masculine · i-stem

Meanings

1. nature, disposition, character; characteristic quality
2. kind, type, manner

Etymology

Traditionally reconstructed as an *i*-stem, continuing the Proto-Indo-European proterokinetic *ti*-stem **h₂ér-ti-s* ~ **h₂r-téy-s*, from **h₂er-*; compare Latin *ars*, *artis* and Sanskrit *ऋति* (*ṛti*) (Torp 1909: 17–18). The Germanic **-d-* is from a generalization of the weak stem, where Verner's Law came into effect due to the oxytone accent: **h₂r-téy-* > pre-Germanic **ard-*. The Proto-Germanic stem class, however, is uncertain. The Germanic reflexes do not independently require an *i*-stem: Old English *eard* shows no diagnostic *i*-umlaut, and Old Norse *ëinarðr* favors a thematic adjectival formation. Accordingly, Orel (2003: 22–23) reconstructs an *a*-stem **ardaz*, while Lloyd and Springer (1988: s.v. *art*) cautiously give only Germanic **ard-*. **ardiz* may therefore preserve the inherited *ti*-stem, but **ardaz*, perhaps through Germanic thematic remodeling, is a serious alternative. Not to be confused with the better-supported agricultural *i*-stem **arþiz*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	ardiz	ardīz
Acc.	ardī	ardinz
Gen.	ardīz	ardijô
Dat.	ardī	ardimaz
Inst.	ardī	ardimiz
Voc.	ardi	ardīz

Descendants

***ardi** (Proto-West Germanic)

art, ***ard** (Old Dutch)

aert (Middle Dutch)

aard (Dutch)

aard (Afrikaans)

***ardi** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***erd**, **eard** (Old English)

erd (Middle English)

***ardi** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ard**, ***erd** (Old Frisian)

Oard (Saterland Frisian)

aard (West Frisian)

***ardi** (Proto-West Germanic)

art (Old High German)

art (Middle High German)

Ârt (Bavarian)

Aart (Luxembourgish)

***ardi** (Proto-West Germanic)

art (Old High German)

art (Middle High German)

Aad, Aat, Aart (Central Franconian)

					Aat (Kölsch)
				*ardi (Proto-West Germanic)	
			art (Old High German)		
			art (Middle High German)		
			Art (German)		
			art (Swedish)		
			*ardi (Proto-West Germanic)		
			art (Old High German)		
			art (Middle High German)		
			Art (German)		
			art (Danish)		
			art (Faroese)		
			art (Icelandic)		
			*ardi (Proto-West Germanic)		
			*ard (Old Saxon)		
			art, ārt (Middle Low German)		
			Aard (Low German)		
			arðr (Old Norse)		
			arður (Icelandic)		

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