

**\*ardugaz**

Runic: ƿ R M N X ƿ Y

Pronunciation: /'ar.ðu.ɣaz/

adjective · a-stem

## Meanings

steep; sharply rising or sloping

## Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European *\*h<sub>3</sub>érd<sup>h</sup>u-ko-s* from the *u*-stem adjective *\*h<sub>3</sub>érd<sup>h</sup>-u-s* ~ *\*h<sub>3</sub>rd<sup>h</sup>-éw-s*, from root *\*h<sub>3</sub>er<sup>d</sup>h-*, further extended in pre-Germanic with adjectival *\*-ko-s* (Kluge 1899: § 206; Kroonen 2013: 33–34; Krahe & Meid 1969: 192). The *\*-d<sup>h</sup>-* may represent a PIE root enlargement of root *\*h<sub>3</sub>er-*, traditionally called the *d<sup>h</sup>-determinative*, in Germanic nouns derived from intransitive roots. Lehmann (1942: 126) analyzes this enlargement as marking a state or result produced by a preceding action. Cognate with Ancient Greek ὀρθός (*orthós*), Sanskrit ऊर्ध्व (*ūrdhvá*), Proto-Celtic *ardwos*, and Latin *arduus* (Beekes 2010: 1101; de Vaan 2008: 52; Matasović 2009a: 40–41). Garnier (2014a: 28–29) instead regards the *\*-gaz* extension as a specifically Germanic innovation from the inherited *u*-stem rather than an inherited PIE derivative

# Declension

## Strong declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc.    | Sg. Fem.   | Sg. Neut.    | Pl. Masc.  | Pl. Fem.   | Pl. Neut.  |
|-------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nom.  | ardugaz      | ardugō     | arduga, -atō | ardugai    | ardugōz    | ardugō     |
| Acc.  | arduganq̄    | ardugq̄    | arduga, -atō | arduganz   | ardugōz    | ardugō     |
| Gen.  | ardugas, -is | ardugaizōz | ardugas, -is | ardugaizq̄ | ardugaizq̄ | ardugaizq̄ |
| Dat.  | ardugammai   | ardugaizōi | ardugammai   | ardugaimaz | ardugaimaz | ardugaimaz |
| Inst. | arduganō     | ardugaizō  | arduganō     | ardugaimiz | ardugaimiz | ardugaimiz |

## Weak declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc. | Sg. Fem.  | Sg. Neut. | Pl. Masc.  | Pl. Fem.   | Pl. Neut.  |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nom.  | ardugō    | ardugq̄   | ardugō    | arduganiz  | ardugōniz  | ardugōnō   |
| Acc.  | arduganu  | ardugōnu  | ardugō    | arduganunz | ardugōnunz | ardugōnō   |
| Gen.  | arduginiz | ardugōniz | arduginiz | arduganq̄  | ardugōnq̄  | arduganq̄  |
| Dat.  | ardugini  | ardugōni  | ardugini  | ardugammaz | ardugōmaz  | ardugammaz |
| Inst. | arduginē  | ardugōnē  | arduginē  | ardugammiz | ardugōmiz  | ardugammiz |

# Descendants

- qrðugr (Old Norse)
- ørðugur (Faroese)
- örðugur (Icelandic)

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