

***armalausaz**

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Pronunciation: /'ar.ma. lau.saz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

armless; lacking arms

Etymology

From **armaz*¹ + **lausaz*. The second constituent is the compound use of **lausaz*, well established in Germanic privative compounds; compare Gothic ἈΚΡΑΝΑΛΑῆΣ (*akranalaus*), ΓΟΔΑΛΑῆΣ (*gudalaus*), and WITƆÐΑΛΑῆΣ (*witodalaus*) (Lehmann 1986a: 229, s.v. *laus*). The precise form of the first constituent is uncertain. Late Latin *armilaus(i)a* and the ethnonym *Armilausini* preserve an older linking vowel *-i/-e-*; Rübekeil (2020: 201–206) argues that transmitted *-a-* is probably secondary, arising within Latin, perhaps partly through folk-etymological association with Latin *arma*. He proposes a Germanic formation based on ***armijō* or ***armilō*, perhaps meaning something like ‘sleeve’, both of which would regularly have **-i-* at the compound boundary.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.
Nom.	armalausaz	armalausō	armalausā, -atō	armalausai	armalausōz
Acc.	armalausanō	armalausō	armalausā, -atō	armalausanz	armalausōz
Gen.	armalausas, -is	armalausaižōz	armalausas, -is	armalausaižô	armalausaižô
Dat.	armalausammai	armalausaižōi	armalausammai	armalausaimaz	armalausaimaz
Inst.	armalausanō	armalausaižō	armalausanō	armalausaimiz	armalausaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	armalausô	armalausō	armalausô	armalausanz	armalausōniz	armalausō
Acc.	armalausanz	armalausōnz	armalausô	armalausanz	armalausōnanz	armalausō
Gen.	armalausinz	armalausōniz	armalausinz	armalausanz	armalausōn	armalausō
Dat.	armalausini	armalausōni	armalausini	armalausammaz	armalausōmaz	armalausō
Inst.	armalausinē	armalausōnē	armalausinē	armalausammiz	armalausōmiz	armalausō

Descendants

erm(a)lauss (Old Norse)

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