

***arsaz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'ar.saz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

arse/ass, buttocks; rump

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₁órs-o-s*, a masculine thematic *o*-stem. Cognate with Ancient Greek ὄρρος (*órrhos*) < **órsos*; related οὐρά (*ourá*) reflects **h₁ors-éh₂-* (Beekes 2010: s.vv. ὄρρος, οὐρά). Compare Hittite 𐎠𐎼𐎫𐎠𐎵 (ar-ra-aš /arraš/), Middle Armenian ռռ (*or*), and Middle Irish *err*, reflecting an e-grade formation. The initial **h₁* is not universally reconstructed; Ringe gives **órsos*, which yields the same Proto-Germanic form (Kloekhorst 2008: 199, s.v. (^{uzu})arra-; Kroonen 2013: 35, s.v. arsa-; Martirosyan 2010: 531–32, s.v. or; Matasović 2009a: 118, s.v. errā; Ringe 2017: 89, 170; Ringe 2024: 140; Wodtko et al. 2008: 246–48, s.v. h₁órs-o-).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	arsaz	arsōz, arsōs
Acc.	arsą	arsanz
Gen.	arsas, arsis	arsô
Dat.	arsai	arsamaz
Inst.	arsō	arsamiz
Voc.	ars	arsōz, arsōs

Descendants

***ars** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ars** (Old Dutch)

āers (Middle Dutch)

aars (Dutch)

aars (Afrikaans)

***ars** (Proto-West Germanic)

ears, ærs (Old English)

ars, arce, ers, eres, hars, hers, aars (Middle English)

arse, ass (English)

ers, airse (Scots)

***ars** (Proto-West Germanic)

ers (Old Frisian)

Iers, Äirs (Saterland Frisian)

ears (West Frisian)

***ars** (Proto-West Germanic)

ars (Old High German)

ars (Middle High German)

Oasch (Bavarian)

Arsch (German)

Aasch (Luxembourgish)

Aarsch (Pennsylvania German)

***ars** (Proto-West Germanic)

ars (Old Saxon)

ars (Middle Low German)

ars, ors (Dutch Low Saxon)

Aars (Low German)

ars (Old Norse)

arsur (Faroese)

ars (Icelandic)

ars (Old Norse)

ars (Old Swedish)

arsel, arsl (Swedish)

rass (Old Norse)

rassur (Faroese)

rass (Icelandic)

rass (Norwegian Bokmål)

rass (Norwegian Nynorsk)

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