

***arwaz²**

Pronunciation: /'ar.waz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

ready, prepared; quick, swift

Etymology

Probably from pre-Germanic **h₂erwós*, an adjective based on the *u*-stem **h₂er-u-* from Proto-Indo-European root **h₂er-*, with a semantic development ‘properly fitted, prepared’ > ‘ready’ and thence ‘quick, prompt’. This analysis is supported especially by Tocharian A *ārwar* and Tocharian B *ārwer*, although the precise derivation of the Tocharian forms is disputed ([Adams 2013: 56–57](#); [Kroonen 2013: s.v. *arwa-](#); [Pronk 2013: 294–96](#); [Pronk 2019: 130](#)). Pronk proposes that the Germanic adjective directly continues **h₂er-u-o-* and cautions against treating Avestan 𐬀𐬭𐬎𐬌𐬯𐬀𐬢𐬵𐬚𐬨𐬭𐬀 (*aʹruuant-*) and 𐬀𐬭𐬎𐬌𐬯𐬀𐬢𐬵𐬚 (*aʹruua-*) as secure cognates: the Iranian words may instead be inner-Indo-Iranian derivatives of **h₁er-* or **h₃er-*. Derivation from **h₂er-* is preferable, but the wider Indo-European comparison remains uncertain. See also **garwaz*.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	arwaz	arwō	arwā, -atō	arwai	arwōz	arwō
Acc.	arwanō	arwō	arwā, -atō	arwanz	arwōz	arwō
Gen.	arwas, -is	arwaizōz	arwas, -is	arwaizô	arwaizô	arwaizô
Dat.	arwammai	arwaizōi	arwammai	arwaimaz	arwaimaz	arwaimaz
Inst.	arwanō	arwaizō	arwanō	arwaimiz	arwaimiz	arwaimiz

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Nom.	arwō	arwō	arwō	arwaniz	arwōniz	arwōnō
Acc.	arwanų	arwōnų	arwō	arwanunz	arwōnunz	arwōnō
Gen.	arwiniz	arwōniz	arwiniz	arwanô	arwōnô	arwanô
Dat.	arwini	arwōni	arwini	arwammaz	arwōmaz	arwammaz
Inst.	arwinē	arwōnē	arwinē	arwammiz	arwōmiz	arwammiz

Descendants

***aru** (Proto-West Germanic)

earu (Old English)

***aru** (Proto-West Germanic)

aru (Old Saxon)

orr (Old Norse)

ör (Icelandic)

𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌰 (**arwjō**) (Gothic)

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