

**\*-az<sup>3</sup>** Runic: 𐌱𐌿𐌵 Pronunciation: /az/

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## Function

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forms the direct stem of neuter z-stem nouns

## Etymology

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From the strong-stem suffix *\*-o-s* of Proto-Indo-European acrostatic neuter s-stems, alternating with *\*-es-* in the weak stem. The resulting Proto-Germanic alternation was generally *\*-az* ~ *\*-iz-*, as in *\*segaz* ~ *\*sigiziz*. The inherited class survived in a substantial number of nouns but was probably no longer productive in Proto-Germanic ([Fulk 2018: 176–78](#); [Krahe & Meid 1969: 131–33](#); [Ringe 2017: 149, 222–24, 310–11, 324](#)).

## Paradigm

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| Case  | Singular | Plural  |
|-------|----------|---------|
| Nom.  | -az      | -izō    |
| Acc.  | -az      | -izō    |
| Gen.  | -iziz    | -izô    |
| Dat.  | -izi     | -izumaz |
| Inst. | -izē     | -izumiz |
| Voc.  | -az      | -izō    |

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\*segaz noun