

***-az**⁴ Runic: 𐌱𐌿 Pronunciation: /az/

suffix · forms adjectives · a-stem

Function

forms primary deverbal adjectives, particularly active, agentive, or resultative adjectives

Etymology

From the Proto-Indo-European adjective formation in *-ó-s, formed by adding this suffix directly to verbal roots. The suffix could form adjectives from a variety of root ablaut grade variations. The resulting adjectives could express an active or agentive property, or a state resulting from the verbal action. While the suffix survived in Proto-Germanic, it was not productive in the language ([Krahe & Meid 1969: 60–61](#)).

Paradigm

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-az	-ō	-a, -atō	-ai	-ōz	-ō
Acc.	-anō	-ō	-a, -atō	-anz	-ōz	-ō
Gen.	-as, -is	-aizōz	-as, -is	-aizô	-aizô	-aizô
Dat.	-ammai	-aizōi	-ammai	-aimaz	-aimaz	-aimaz
Inst.	-anō	-aizō	-anō	-aimiz	-aimiz	-aimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-ô	-ḡ	-ô	-aniz	-ōniz	-ōnō
Acc.	-anų	-ōnų	-ô	-anunz	-ōnunz	-ōnō
Gen.	-iniz	-ōniz	-iniz	-anô	-ōnô	-anô
Dat.	-ini	-ōni	-ini	-ammaz	-ōmaz	-ammaz
Inst.	-inē	-ōnē	-inē	-ammiz	-ōmiz	-ammiz

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