

***blasaz** Runic: ᚷᚲᚱᚱᚱᚱᚷ Pronunciation: /'bla.saz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

white, pale (of animals)

Etymology

Probably from Proto-Indo-European **b^hel-* ('to blaze; glow; bright flame; white'), but the exact formation is uncertain. A plausible speculative analysis derives the word from a zero-grade preform **b^hl-* with an old adjectival **-s-* extension, e.g. pre-Germanic ***b^hl-s-ó-s*. This would fit both the Proto-Germanic vocalism and the semantics suggested by Greek φάλαρος (phálāros, 'having a patch of white or a white spot') and later Proto-Germanic forms referring to a white blaze or forehead-mark on animals (e.g. Old Norse blesi, Dutch bles, English blaze, all based on a further derivation from **blasaz*). The original sense may therefore have been 'white-marked, blaze-marked', only later generalized to 'pale, whitish'.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	blasaz	blasō	blasā, -atō	blasai	blasōz	blasō
Acc.	blasanō	blasō	blasā, -atō	blasanz	blasōz	blasō
Gen.	blasas, -is	blasaizōz	blasas, -is	blasaizō	blasaizō	blasaizō
Dat.	blasammai	blasaizōi	blasammai	blasaimaz	blasaimaz	blasaimaz
Inst.	blasanō	blasaizō	blasanō	blasaimiz	blasaimiz	blasaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	blasô	blasō	blasô	blasaniz	blasōniz	blasōnō
Acc.	blasanų	blasōnų	blasô	blasanunz	blasōnunz	blasōnō
Gen.	blasiniz	blasōniz	blasiniz	blasanġ	blasōnġ	blasanġ
Dat.	blasini	blasōni	blasini	blasammaz	blasōmaz	blasammaz
Inst.	blasinē	blasōnē	blasinē	blasammiz	blasōmiz	blasammiz

Descendants

*blas (Proto-West Germanic)

blas (Old High German)

blas (Middle High German)

blass, blaß (German)

*blas (Proto-West Germanic)

blas (Old Saxon)

vorblassen, vörblassen, vörblessen (Middle Low German)

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