

**\*blīpiz** Runic: 𐌛𐌺𐌹𐌺𐌿 Pronunciation: /'bli:.θiz/

adjective · i-stem

## Meanings

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1. serene, mild
2. pleasant, pleasing, delightful, friendly

## Etymology

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Uncertain. (Faltings 2010) suggests a possible derivation from Proto-Indo-European *\*b<sup>h</sup>li-to-s* ('shining'), giving Proto-Germanic *\*\*blīpaz*, later reformulated as an i-stem nominal. One issue with this theory is the fact that the to-suffix was generally accented, which would normally result in a Verner's Law -d-: *\*\*blīdaz*, which would then require analogical leveling to get the desired form. An alternative possibility is that the dental reflects an older PIE nominal formation in from *\*b<sup>h</sup>léh<sub>1</sub>-ti-s* ~ *\*b<sup>h</sup>l̥h<sub>1</sub>-táy-s*, a ti-stem noun from root *\*b<sup>h</sup>el-* ('to blaze; glow; bright flame; white') from which the Proto-Germanic adjective was secondarily derived; this would avoid the accentual difficulties of deriving the adjective directly from a to-suffix.

# Declension

## Strong declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc.        | Sg. Fem.    | Sg. Neut.        | Pl. Masc.   | Pl. Fem.    | Pl. Neut.   |
|-------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nom.  | blīpiz           | blīpī       | blīpj, -jatō     | blīpījai    | blīpījōz    | blīpījō     |
| Acc.  | blīpījanō        | blīpījō     | blīpj, -jatō     | blīpījanz   | blīpījōz    | blīpījō     |
| Gen.  | blīpījas, blīpīs | blīpījaizōz | blīpījas, blīpīs | blīpījaizô  | blīpījaizô  | blīpījaizô  |
| Dat.  | blīpījammai      | blīpījaizōi | blīpījammai      | blīpījaimaz | blīpījaimaz | blīpījaimaz |
| Inst. | blīpījanō        | blīpījaizō  | blīpījanō        | blīpījaimiz | blīpījaimiz | blīpījaimiz |

## Weak declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc. | Sg. Fem.   | Sg. Neut. | Pl. Masc.   | Pl. Fem.    | Pl. Neut.   |
|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nom.  | blīpījō   | blīpījō    | blīpījō   | blīpījaniz  | blīpījōniz  | blīpījōnō   |
| Acc.  | blīpījanų | blīpījōnų  | blīpījō   | blīpījanunz | blīpījōnunz | blīpījōnō   |
| Gen.  | blīpīniz  | blīpījōniz | blīpīniz  | blīpījanô   | blīpījōnô   | blīpījanô   |
| Dat.  | blīpīni   | blīpījōni  | blīpīni   | blīpījammaz | blīpījōmaz  | blīpījammaz |
| Inst. | blīpīnē   | blīpījōnē  | blīpīnē   | blīpījammiz | blīpījōmiz  | blīpījammiz |

# Descendants

\*blīpī (Proto-West Germanic)

  \*blīthi (Old Dutch)

    blide (Middle Dutch)

      blij (Dutch)

        bly (Afrikaans)

\*blīpī (Proto-West Germanic)

  blīpe (Old English)

    blith, blyth, blithe (Middle English)

      blithe (English)

**blithe, blythe, blide** (Scots)

\***blīþi** (Proto-West Germanic)

\***blīthe, \*blīth, \*blīd** (Old Frisian)

**blid** (North Frisian)

**bliede** (Saterland Frisian)

**bliid** (West Frisian)

\***blīþi** (Proto-West Germanic)

**blīdi, plīdi** (Old High German)

**blīde** (Middle High German)

**blid, blied** (German)

\***blīþi** (Proto-West Germanic)

**blīthi, blīdi** (Old Saxon)

**blīde** (Middle Low German)

**blide, blyde** (Low German)

**blíðr** (Old Norse)

**blid** (Danish)

**blíður** (Faroese)

**blíður** (Icelandic)

**blid** (Norwegian)

**blíðr** (Old Norse)

**blīþer** (Old Swedish)

**blid** (Swedish)

**𐌵𐌹𐌿𐌸𐌰 (bleiþs)** (Gothic)

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