

***brezdaz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'brez.daz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

board, plank, shelf

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **b^hres-d^hh₁-ós* (Kroonen 2013), from root **b^hers-* ('top, tip, point') + **-d^hh₁-e/o-* (**-d^hh₁-* forms resultative verbs from roots). It likely forms a complex with closely related **bruzdaz* ('point, spike, thorn') and **brazdaz* ('edge, brim'). A derivative, **breda*, better explains the West Proto-Germanic reflexes, but the North Proto-Germanic reflexes in *-dd-* are best explained by regressive assimilation of the *-z-*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	brezdaz	brezdōz, brezdōs
Acc.	brezda	brezdanz
Gen.	brezdas, bridis	brezdô
Dat.	brezdai	brezdamaz
Inst.	brezdō	brezdamiz
Voc.	brezd	brezdōz, brezdōs

Descendants

***bre(ɾ)d** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***bred** (Old Dutch)

bret, bert, bart, bort (Middle Dutch)

bred, berd (Dutch)

***bre(ɾ)d** (Proto-West Germanic)

bred (Old English)

bred, brede (Middle English)

bred, braid, brad (Scots)

***bre(ɾ)d** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***bred** (Old Frisian)

Brääd (Saterland Frisian)

bret (West Frisian)

***bre(ɾ)d** (Proto-West Germanic)

bret (Old High German)

bret (Middle High German)

Brett (German)

 ברעט (**bret**) (Yiddish)

***bre(ɾ)d** (Proto-West Germanic)

bred (Old Saxon)

bred, bret (Middle Low German)

Bredd, Brett (Low German)

***bræddi** (Old Norse)

breddi (Faroese)

bredd (Norwegian)

***bræddi** (Old Norse)

bræd (Old Danish)

bred (Danish)

***bræddi** (Old Norse)

brædder (Old Swedish)

brädd (Swedish)

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