

***bōsmaz** Runic: 𐌛𐌰𐌶𐌰𐌿𐌺𐌰 Pronunciation: /'bɔ:s.maz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

bosom

Etymology

Exact origin unclear. Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **b^heh₂ǵ^hús* ('arm; ; whence **bōguz*, 'upper arm, shoulder'), but it would have needed to come from a form such as pre-Germanic ***bōg-s-mo-s* > ***bōh-smaz* > **bōsmaz*. Compare **faþmaz*, 'outstretched arms'). An origin with a root meaning 'to blow, swell' is often posited (see, for instance, (Orel 2003)), ***b^hes-* with cognates including Sanskrit भस्त्रा (*bhāstrā*) (bhāstrā, 'bellows') and Ancient Greek ψύχω (*psúkhō*) (psúkhō, 'to breathe, blow') via a lengthened o-grade form, *b^hōs-mo-s*, but that root is itself contested.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	bōsmaz	bōsmōz, bōsmōs
Acc.	bōsmą	bōsmanz
Gen.	bōsmas, bōsmis	bōsmô
Dat.	bōsmai	bōsmamaz
Inst.	bōsmō	bōsmamiz
Voc.	bōsm	bōsmōz, bōsmōs

Descendants

***bōsm** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***buosum**, ***buosom** (Old Dutch)

boesem (Middle Dutch)

bozem (Limburgish)

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 ***buosum**, ***buosom** (Old Dutch)

boesem (Middle Dutch)

boezem (Dutch)

boesem (Afrikaans)

***bōsm** (Proto-West Germanic)

bōsm, **bōsum** (Old English)

bosom, **bosum**, **bosem** (Middle English)

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bōsm, **bōsum** (Old English)

bosom, **bosum**, **bosem** (Middle English)

bosum, **bosome** (Middle Scots)

bosom (Scots)

***bōsm** (Proto-West Germanic)

bōsm, **bōsem** (Old Frisian)

Bossem (Saterland Frisian)

boeseme, **boezem**, **buozzem** (West Frisian)

***bōsm** (Proto-West Germanic)

buosum, **buosam** (Old High German)

buosem, **buosen** (Middle High German)

Busen (German)

בוזעם (**buzem**) (Yiddish)

***bōsm** (Proto-West Germanic)

bōsom (Old Saxon)

bōsem, **bōseme** (Middle Low German)

bussem (Dutch Low Saxon)

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