

***dammaz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'dam.maz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

dam

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **dʰombʰ-mó-s* / **dʰombʰ-nó-s* an o-grade form of root **dʰembʰ-* ('to be stunned; to strike'), with a nasal suffix. A root in **-mbʰ-* alone would not cause the gemination seen in the reflexes (compare **kambaz*, 'comb' < PIE *gómbʰos*). Possible cognates are Ancient Greek *τάφος* (*táphos*), *θάπτω* (*tháptō*, 'to bury'), Old Armenian *դամբան* (*damban*, 'tomb'), and Old Prussian *dambo* ([Martirosyan 2010](#)).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	dammaz	dammōz, dammōs
Acc.	dammą	dammanz
Gen.	dammas, dammis	dammô
Dat.	dammai	dammamaz
Inst.	dammō	dammamiz
Voc.	damm	dammōz, dammōs

Descendants

***damm** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***damm**, **dam** (Old Dutch)

dam (Middle Dutch)

dam (Dutch)

***damm** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***damm**, ***dam** (Old English)

damme, **dam** (Middle English)

dam (English)

dam (Scots)

***damm** (Proto-West Germanic)

dam, **dom** (Old Frisian)

Dom (Saterland Frisian)

dam (West Frisian)

***damm** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***tamm** (Old High German)

tam, **tamm** (Middle High German)

Damm, **Tham** (German)

Damm (Luxembourgish)

***damm** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***damm**, ***dam** (Old Saxon)

dam, **damm** (Middle Low German)

Damm (Low German)

Daum (Plautdietsch)

dammr (Old Norse)

dammur (Faroese)

dammur (Icelandic)

dammr (Old Norse)

dam (Old Danish)

dam (Danish)

dammr (Old Norse)

damber (Old Swedish)

damm (Swedish)

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