

***dīkaz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'di:.kaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. pool, puddle
2. ditch, dyke, dam

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly from pre-Germanic *dikkaz from Proto-Indo-European **dʰeyǵʰ-nó-s* (Kluge's Law provides for the -k- in the current term), from **dʰeyǵʰ-* ('to knead; form, shape') ([Kroonen 2013](#)). A derivation from **dʰeyǵʰw-* ('to stick, stab, dig') is somewhat problematic, as there is no explanation for the loss of labialization (cf. PIE **wegʷ-* > PGmc **wakwaz*; PIE **neyǵʷ-* > PGmc **nikwaz*). This root would normally lead to PGmc **dīkwaz*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	dīkaz	dīkōz, dīkōs
Acc.	dīka	dīkanz
Gen.	dīkas, dīkis	dīkô
Dat.	dīkai	dīkamaz
Inst.	dīkō	dīkamiz
Voc.	dīk	dīkōz, dīkōs

Descendants

***dik** (Proto-West Germanic)

dic (Old Dutch)

dijc (Middle Dutch)

dijk (Dutch)

dyk (Afrikaans)

***dik** (Proto-West Germanic)

dic (Old English)

dich (Middle English)

ditch (English)

***dik** (Proto-West Germanic)

dic (Old English)

dic, dik (Middle English)

dike (English)

dike, dyke (Scots)

***dik** (Proto-West Germanic)

dik (Old Frisian)

dijck (North Frisian)

Diek (Saterland Frisian)

dyk (West Frisian)

***dik** (Proto-West Germanic)

tih (Old High German)

tich, dich (Middle High German)

Teich, Deich (German)

טייך (taykh) (Yiddish)

***dik** (Proto-West Germanic)

dik (Old Saxon)

dik (Middle Low German)

Deich (German)

Diek (Low German)

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