

***faimaz** Runic: 𐌹𐌰𐌿𐌺𐌰 Pronunciation: /'faj̥.maz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

foam

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **(s)poh3y-m-o-s*, from **(s)poh3(y)-* (‘foam’). Cognate with Latin *spūma* (‘foam’), Latin *pūmex* (‘pumice’), Sanskrit फेन (*phéna*) (phéna, ‘foam’), and Old Church Slavonic пѣна (*pěna*) (pěna, ‘foam’). (Kroonen 2013) posits an original **men*-stem, **(s)péh3y-mŋ* ~ **(s)ph3i-mén-s* (based on Matasovic 2004), which accounts for the varying -m/n- reflexes, with the Proto-Germanic -m- a result of dissimilation in the -mn- cluster.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	faimaz	faimōz, faimōs
Acc.	faimą	faimanz
Gen.	faimas, faimis	faimō
Dat.	faimai	faimamaz
Inst.	faimō	faimamiz
Voc.	faim	faimōz, faimōs

Descendants

***faim** (Proto-West Germanic)

fām, fǣm (Old English)

fám (Faroese)

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fām, fǣm (Old English)

fom, fam, fome, foom, foome (Middle English)

fame, faim, faem (Scots)

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fom, fam, fome, foom, foome (Middle English)

foam (English)

fómur (Faroese)

***faim** (Proto-West Germanic)

feim (Old High German)

fūm, vūm (Middle High German)

Faum (German)

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feim (Old High German)

veim (Middle High German)

Feim, Fäum (Alemannic German)

Foam (Bavarian)

Faam (East Franconian)

Feim (German)

***feimr (poetic)** (Old Norse)

feim, feima, feime (all dialectal) (Norwegian)

fóma, fómu (Faroese)

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