

***flaiski** Runic: 𐌺𐌿𐌶𐌿𐌺𐌰 Pronunciation: /'flaɪs.ki/

noun · neuter · i-stem

Meanings

meat, flesh

Etymology

Uncertain. An obvious i-stem on the basis of Old English with [æ:] instead of [ɑ:] and the palatalized sibilant cluster, triggered by an [i] in the suffix. The traditional etymologies linking Proto-Germanic *flekaz (‘spot; mark; blemish; piece’) and related words are phonologically and semantically problematic. Lloyd & (Lühr 2007) suggest a link to *flahaną (‘to skin, flay’). They work this out with a possible secondary formation: an expressive i-vocalism with an *-sk-suffix, perhaps something like *flaih-sk- (from *plek-), comparing the formation with Proto-Germanic *maiskaz (‘mash’, from root *meyk- (‘mix’)), with a meaning of ‘a kind of piece, something torn off’, later concretized as ‘piece of bacon, flesh’. Boutkan & (Siebinga 2005) consider this a regional North European substrate loanword.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	flaiski	flaiskī
Acc.	flaiski	flaiskī
Gen.	flaiskīz	flaiskijō
Dat.	flaiskī	flaiskimaz
Inst.	flaiskī	flaiskimiz
Voc.	flaiski	flaiskī

Descendants

***flaiski** (Proto-West Germanic)

flēsc (Old Dutch)

vlêesch (Middle Dutch)

vleisj (Limburgish)

***flaiski** (Proto-West Germanic)

flēsc (Old Dutch)

vlêesch (Middle Dutch)

vlees, vleesch, vleis (Dutch)

vleis (Afrikaans)

***flaiski** (Proto-West Germanic)

flǣsc (Old English)

flesh (Middle English)

flesh (English)

flesch (Scots)

***flaiski** (Proto-West Germanic)

flāsk, flēsk (Old Frisian)

Flaask (Saterland Frisian)

fleis (West Frisian)

***flaiski** (Proto-West Germanic)

fleisk (Old High German)

vleisch, fleis, fleisch, flēsch, vleis, vlēsch (Middle High German)

Fleesch, Fleisch, Flääsch (Central Franconian)

Fleisch (German)

Flaasch, Flaisch, Fleesch (Rhine Franconian)

פֿלייִש (fleysh) (Yiddish)

***flaiski** (Proto-West Germanic)

flēsk (Old Saxon)

vlêsk, vlêsch, vlês (Middle Low German)

Fleesch (Plautdietsch)

flesk, fleski (Old Norse)

flesk (Faroese)

fleski, flesk (Icelandic)

flesk (Norwegian)

flesk, fleski (Old Norse)

flæsk (Old Danish)

flæsk (Danish)

flesk, fleski (Old Norse)

flæsk (Old Swedish)

flask (Swedish)

läski (Finnish)

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