

***flataz** Runic: 𐌺𐌳𐌰𐌹𐌶𐌰 Pronunciation: /'ϕla.taz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

flat

Etymology

Uncertain. ([Rychło 2017](#)) proposes a derivation from Proto-Indo-European **plod-sk-o*, (presumably based on Pokorny's marginal **plād-* ('broad and flat, spread out')) for this word and potential cognate in Slavic (e.g. Polish płaski ('flat')). This works for Proto-Germanic but poses issues for Balto-Slavic. Kroonen's (2013) derivation from **pleth₂-* ('to spread, extend; flat') requires a pre-Germanic geminate, **plottos* < **ploth₂-nó-s* (via Kluge's law) that is later degeminated (a non-geminate derivation from this root would provide the wrong final consonant, -þ). However, the morphological gymnastics of geminating then degeminating makes this derivation somewhat suspect. ([Watkins 2011](#)), based on ([Pokorny 1959](#)), posits the simplest derivation from PIE root **plad-* as a simple "variant form" of **pleth₂-*. The issue here is the lack of cognates with a similar voiced dental.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	flataz	flatō	flatā, -atō	flatai	flatōz	flatō
Acc.	flatanō	flatō	flatā, -atō	flatanz	flatōz	flatō
Gen.	flatas, -is	flataizōz	flatas, -is	flataizô	flataizô	flataizô
Dat.	flatammai	flataizōi	flatammai	flataimaz	flataimaz	flataimaz
Inst.	flatanō	flataizō	flatanō	flataimiz	flataimiz	flataimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	flatô	flatō	flatô	flataniz	flatōniz	flatōnō
Acc.	flatanu	flatōnu	flatô	flatanunz	flatōnunz	flatōnō
Gen.	flatiniz	flatōniz	flatiniz	flatanô	flatōnô	flatanô
Dat.	flatini	flatōni	flatini	flatammaz	flatōmaz	flatammaz
Inst.	flatinē	flatōnē	flatinē	flatammiz	flatōmiz	flatammiz

Descendants

***flat** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***flat** (Old Frisian)

flot (Saterland Frisian)

***flat** (Proto-West Germanic)

flaz, flazzi, flezzi (Old High German)

vletze (Middle High German)

Flöz (German)

***flat** (Proto-West Germanic)

flat (Old Saxon)

flatr (Old Norse)

flat, flatte, flatt (Middle English)

flat (English)

flat, flet (Scots)

flatr (Old Norse)

flatur (Faroese)

flatur (Icelandic)

flat (Norwegian)

flatr (Old Norse)

flat (Old Danish)

flad (Danish)

flatr (Old Norse)

flater (Old Swedish)

flat (Swedish)

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