

***gaumaz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'ɣaʊ.maz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

heed, attention

Etymology

Kroonen reconstructs this word from earlier *gaugmaz (compare *draumaz), and connects it with Sanskrit गूहति (*gūhati*) (gūhati, ‘to hide’) (with analogical -ū-), from Proto-Indo-European *g^hewǵ^h-, *g^{wh}ewǵ^h-, assuming the original meaning was "to heed, guard".

Alternatively, Mayrhofer connects this word with Proto-Indo-Iranian *g^háwšas (‘noise, sound’) (whence Persian گوش (*gôš*, ‘ear’) and Sanskrit घृष् (*ghuṣ*) (ghuṣ, ‘sound’)), assuming an original form of Proto-Indo-European *g^(w)h₂ew- (‘to perceive’) from which both roots derive.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	gaumaz	gaumōz, gaumōs
Acc.	gaumaꝥ	gaumanz
Gen.	gaumas, gaumis	gaumô
Dat.	gaumai	gaumamaz
Inst.	gaumō	gaumamiz
Voc.	gaum	gaumōz, gaumōs

Descendants

***gaum** (Proto-West Germanic)

***gōm** (Old Dutch)

gōom (Middle Dutch)

goom (Dutch)

***gaum** (Proto-West Germanic)

***goum, goum** (Old High German)

goum, gām, goume (Middle High German)

Gaum (German)

***gaum** (Proto-West Germanic)

***gōm** (Old Saxon)

gōm, goum (Middle Low German)

gōm (Old Frisian)

gaumr (Old Norse)

geymur, geymi (Faroese)

gaumur, gaum (Icelandic)

gaum, åtgaum (Norwegian Nynorsk)

gaumr (Old Norse)

gome (Middle English)

gaum, gorm (English)

gaumr (Old Norse)

gome (Middle English)

goam (Scots)

gumption (English)

gaum (Old Norse)

geymur, geymi (Faroese)

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