

*hagatusjō

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Pronunciation: /ˈxa.ɣa.tus.jɔː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

witch

Etymology

Uncertain; possibly from *hagaz (‘skilled, crafty’) + *tusjō (‘witch, demon’) (whence Norwegian tysja (‘witch, demon’)), perhaps from Proto-Indo-European *dʰus-yéh₂, from *dʰews- (‘breath; spirit’) (whence *deuza (‘animal, beast’)). However, this devoicing is phonetically irregular. The second part is more likely from Proto-Indo-European **dus*- (‘bad, evil’).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	hagatusjō	hagatusjōz
Acc.	hagatusjō	hagatusjōz
Gen.	hagatusjōz	hagatusjō
Dat.	hagatusjōi	hagatusjōmaz
Inst.	hagatusjō	hagatusjōmiz
Voc.	hagatusjō	hagatusjōz

Descendants

*hagatussjā (Proto-West Germanic)

***hagatissa** (Old Dutch)

hagetisse (Middle Dutch)

hagedis (Dutch)

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hægtesse, hæġtes, hæġtess, heġtes, hǣts (Old English)

hagge, hegge (Middle English)

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***hegtesse, *hexe** (Old Frisian)

Häkse (Saterland Frisian)

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Hex (Luxembourgish)

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Hakjs (Plautdietsch)

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