

**\*hnawwaz** Runic: ᚲᚲᚲᚲᚲᚲᚲᚲ Pronunciation: /'xnaw.waz/

adjective · a-stem

## Meanings

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1. tight; narrow
2. sparse; meager; lean; scarce; stingy

## Etymology

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A u-stem adjectival formation from \*hnewwana ('to hit').

## Declension

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### Strong declension

| Case         | Sg. Masc.    | Sg. Fem.   | Sg. Neut.    | Pl. Masc.  | Pl. Fem.   | Pl. Neut. |
|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Nom.</b>  | hnawwaz      | hnawwō     | hnawwa, -atō | hnawwai    | hnawwōz    | hnawwō    |
| <b>Acc.</b>  | hnawwanō     | hnawwō     | hnawwa, -atō | hnawwanz   | hnawwōz    | hnawwō    |
| <b>Gen.</b>  | hnawwas, -is | hnawwaizōz | hnawwas, -is | hnawwaizō  | hnawwaizō  | hnawwaizō |
| <b>Dat.</b>  | hnawwammai   | hnawwaizōi | hnawwammai   | hnawwaimaz | hnawwaimaz | hnawwaim  |
| <b>Inst.</b> | hnawwanō     | hnawwaizō  | hnawwanō     | hnawwaimiz | hnawwaimiz | hnawwaim  |

Weak declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc. | Sg. Fem.  | Sg. Neut. | Pl. Masc.  | Pl. Fem.   | Pl. Neut.  |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nom.  | hnawwô    | hnawwō    | hnawwô    | hnawwaniz  | hnawwōniz  | hnawwōnō   |
| Acc.  | hnawwanu  | hnawwōnu  | hnawwô    | hnawwanunz | hnawwōnunz | hnawwōnō   |
| Gen.  | hnawwiniz | hnawwōniz | hnawwiniz | hnawwanô   | hnawwōnô   | hnawwanô   |
| Dat.  | hnawwini  | hnawwōni  | hnawwini  | hnawwammaz | hnawwōmaz  | hnawwammaz |
| Inst. | hnawwinē  | hnawwōnē  | hnawwinē  | hnawwammiz | hnawwōmiz  | hnawwammiz |

Descendants

hnēaw (Old English)

\*nāu (Old Frisian)

nau (Saterland Frisian)

nau (West Frisian)

\*hnauw (Old Saxon)

nouwe, nau (Middle Low German)

nau (German Low German)

\*hnauw (Old Saxon)

nouwe, nau (Middle Low German)

genouwe (Middle Low German)

genau, jenaif (German Low German)

gnau (Saterland Frisian)

\*nauw (Old Dutch)

nauwe (Middle Dutch)

nauw (Dutch)

nou (Afrikaans)

\*hnouw (Old High German)

nouwe, nou (Middle High German)

genouwe, genoue (Middle High German)

genau (German)

\*nouw (Old High German)

nouwe, nou (Middle High German)

**genouwe, genoue** (Middle High German)

**genau** (German)

**hnøggr** (Old Norse)

**hnöggur** (Icelandic)

**nøgg** (Norwegian)

**njugg** (Swedish)

**hnøggr** (Old Norse)

**nig, nigard** (Middle English)

**niggard** (English)

**negart, niggard** (Scots)

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